

68. *Reiterates* the commitment to redouble efforts to substantially reduce illicit financial flows by 2030, with a view to eventually eliminating them, including by combating tax evasion and corruption through strengthened national regulation and increased international cooperation, in line with the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, and underlines the importance of international cooperation to combat illicit financial flows in order to foster sustainable development;

69. *Stresses* that the prevention, management and resolution of conflict and post-conflict consolidation are essential for the achievement of the objectives of the New Partnership, and welcomes in this regard the cooperation and support granted by the United Nations and development partners to the African regional and subregional organizations in the implementation of the New Partnership;

70. *Welcomes* the continued efforts of the United Nations Peacebuilding Commission in assisting post-conflict countries in Africa, particularly the six African countries for which the Commission has established country-specific configurations;

71. *Urges* the international community to continue to give due attention to Africa's priorities, including the New Partnership, in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

72. *Requests* the United Nations system to continue to provide assistance to the Planning and Coordinating Agency of the New Partnership and to African countries in developing projects and programmes within the scope of the priorities of the New Partnership and to place greater emphasis on monitoring, evaluation and dissemination of the effectiveness of its activities in support of the New Partnership;

73. *Emphasizes* African ownership of the African Peer Review Mechanism process, and invites the international community to support the efforts of African countries, at their request, in implementing their respective national programmes of action arising from the process;

74. *Requests* the Secretary-General to promote greater coherence in the work of the United Nations system in support of the New Partnership, on the basis of the agreed clusters of the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Africa, and in this regard calls upon the United Nations system to continue to mainstream the special needs of Africa in all its normative and operational activities;

75. *Welcomes* the establishment of a United Nations monitoring mechanism to review commitments made relating to Africa's development, and invites Member States and all relevant entities of the United Nations system, including funds, programmes, specialized agencies and regional commissions, in particular the Economic Commission for Africa, and all relevant international and regional organizations, to contribute to the effectiveness and reliability of the review process by cooperating in the collection of data and the evaluation performance;

76. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its seventy-second session on the basis of inputs from Governments, organizations of the United Nations system and other stakeholders in the New Partnership.

RESOLUTION 71/321

Adopted at the 96th plenary meeting, on 8 September 2017, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/71/L.52, submitted by the President of the General Assembly

71/321. Enhancing the participation of indigenous peoples' representatives and institutions in meetings of relevant United Nations bodies on issues affecting them

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the purposes and principles contained in the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming also the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples¹²⁴ and the solemn commitment to respect, promote and advance and in no way diminish the rights of indigenous peoples and to uphold the principles of the Declaration,

¹²⁴ Resolution 61/295, annex.

Reaffirming further the outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples,¹²¹ and recalling the commitment by Member States to consider ways to enable the participation of indigenous peoples' representatives and institutions in meetings of relevant United Nations bodies on issues affecting them,

Recalling its resolution 70/232 of 23 December 2015, in which it requested the President of the General Assembly to conduct consultations with Member States, indigenous peoples' representatives and institutions from all regions of the world, and existing relevant mechanisms of the United Nations, on the possible measures necessary to enable the participation of indigenous peoples' representatives and institutions in meetings of relevant United Nations bodies on issues affecting them, and also requested the President to prepare a compilation of the views presented during the consultations, including good practices within the United Nations regarding indigenous peoples' participation, which would form the basis for a draft text to be finalized and adopted by the Assembly during its seventy-first session,

Recalling also other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Human Rights Council,¹²²

Recognizing the need to find ways and means of promoting the participation of indigenous peoples' representatives and institutions within the United Nations system on issues affecting them, given that they are not always organized as non-governmental organizations,

Emphasizing that the modalities for the participation of indigenous peoples in the work of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples and the Special Rapporteur of the Human Rights Council on the rights of indigenous peoples shall continue undiminished,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the compilation of views on possible measures necessary to enable the participation of indigenous peoples' representatives and institutions in relevant United Nations meetings on issues affecting them, and of good practices within the United Nations regarding indigenous peoples' participation,¹²³ transmitted by the President of the General Assembly as the basis for a draft text to be finalized and adopted by the Assembly during its seventy-first session;

2. *Welcomes* the constructive and open informal dialogue between Member States and indigenous peoples on the possible measures necessary to enhance the participation of indigenous peoples' representatives and institutions in meetings of relevant United Nations bodies on issues affecting them, held during its seventieth and seventy-first sessions;

3. *Encourages* the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Special Rapporteur of the Human Rights Council on the rights of indigenous peoples, in promoting the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples,¹²⁴ to continue to address the enhanced participation of indigenous peoples' representatives and institutions within the United Nations on issues affecting them;

4. *Encourages further efforts* to facilitate the participation of indigenous peoples' representatives and institutions in meetings of relevant United Nations bodies on issues affecting them, in accordance with their respective rules of procedure, inter alia, through the inclusion of indigenous peoples' representatives and institutions in the modalities for relevant conferences, summits and other meetings convened by the United Nations on issues affecting them, in accordance with the relevant decisions established by the appropriate body or organization responsible for those meetings;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly, by the end of its seventy-fourth session, on achievements, analysis and concrete recommendations on the possible further measures necessary to enable the participation of indigenous peoples' representatives and institutions in meetings of relevant United Nations bodies on issues affecting them, building on the report of the Secretary-General on ways and means of promoting participation at

¹²¹ Resolution 69/2.

¹²² In particular, Human Rights Council resolutions 18/8 (see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 53/1*) and corrigendum (A/69/53/Add.1 and Corr.1), chap. II) and 21/24 (see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 53/1* (A/67/53/Add.1), chap. II).

¹²³ A/71/390.

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the United Nations of indigenous peoples' representatives on issues affecting them,¹²⁸ the report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of the outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples,¹²⁹ and the compilation of views transmitted by the President of the General Assembly,¹²⁷ as well as on the informal discussions convened during the seventy-first session, as reflected in the relevant correspondence of the President of the General Assembly;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, with the support of Member States, to seek input from indigenous peoples from all regions of the world in preparing the report to be submitted at its seventy-fourth session, and in this regard encourages the Secretary-General to hold regional consultations, including through the regional commissions, as appropriate, with the support of Member States and relevant agencies and entities of the United Nations system, before the nineteenth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, and requests the Secretary-General to incorporate those inputs in the report;

7. *Decides* to continue its consideration of possible further measures necessary to enhance the participation of indigenous peoples' representatives and institutions in relevant United Nations meetings on issues affecting them at its seventy-fifth session, taking into account the achievements in that regard of other bodies and organizations throughout the United Nations system, to be preceded by consultations with indigenous peoples' representatives and institutions from all regions of the world as an input to the intergovernmental process;

8. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, as part of the preparatory process for the consideration of such measures during its seventy-fifth session, to organize and preside over informal interactive hearings and to prepare a summary of each hearing, during its seventy-second, seventy-third and seventy-fourth sessions, on the margins of the sessions of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, with indigenous peoples, ensuring, to the extent possible, balanced regional representation;

9. *Decides* to expand the mandate of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples so that it can assist representatives of indigenous peoples' organizations and institutions to participate in the hearings organized by the President of the General Assembly, as requested in the present resolution, ensuring, to the extent possible, balanced regional representation;

10. *Urges* Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to continue to contribute to the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples.

RESOLUTION 71/322

Adopted at the 66th plenary meeting, on 8 September 2017, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/71/L.80 and Add.1, sponsored by: Armenia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bulgaria, Cabo Verde, Croatia, Cyprus, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Latvia, Lithuania, Malaysia, Malta, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Sao Tome and Principe, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay.

71/322. Strengthening and promoting effective measures and international cooperation on organ donation and transplantation to prevent and combat trafficking in persons for the purpose of organ removal and trafficking in human organs

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,¹³⁰

Recalling the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,¹³¹ and recognizing its integrated and indivisible nature,

Reaffirming the commitments by Member States to take immediate and effective measures to eradicate all forms of trafficking in persons,

¹²⁸ A/HRC/21/24.

¹²⁹ A/70/84-L/2014/76.

¹³⁰ Resolution 217 A(III).

¹³¹ Resolution 70/L.

Recalling its resolutions 59/156 of 20 December 2004, entitled "Preventing, combating and punishing trafficking in human organs" and 70/179 of 17 December 2015, entitled "Improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons", as well as Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice resolutions 23/2 of 16 May 2014¹³² and 25/1 of 27 May 2016¹³³ on preventing and combating trafficking in human organs and trafficking in persons for the purpose of organ removal,

Reaffirming the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime¹³⁴ and the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime,¹³⁵

Recognizing the need for a multidisciplinary approach, based on respect for all human rights, to combating trafficking in human organs and trafficking in persons for the purpose of organ removal,

Taking note with appreciation of the World Health Organization guiding principles on human cell, tissue and organ transplantation, endorsed by the sixty-third World Health Assembly in its resolution 63.22 of 21 May 2010,¹³⁶

Taking note of the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Human Rights Council on trafficking in persons, especially women and children, on the issue of trafficking in persons for the removal of organs submitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session,¹³⁷

Welcoming the joint study by the United Nations and the Council of Europe, entitled "Trafficking in organs, tissues and cells and trafficking in human beings for the purpose of the removal of organs", and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime assessment toolkit, entitled "Trafficking in persons for the purpose of organ removal", and taking note of the study by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, entitled "Trafficking in persons for the removal of organs: advancing a human rights approach and engaging human rights mechanisms", and the report of the Office of the Special Representative and Coordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, entitled "Trafficking in human beings for the purpose of organ removal in the OSCE region: analysis and findings",

Affirming that trafficking in persons for the purpose of organ removal and the related trafficking in human organs constitute crimes and violate and impair the enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms, and stressing that it is essential to place the protection of all human rights at the centre of measures to prevent and end trafficking,

Recognizing that, although differences exist between the crimes of trafficking in human organs and trafficking in persons for the purpose of organ removal, both crimes are related to the shortage of human organs used in organ transplantation and to social and economic difficulties that make people vulnerable, and that prevention of and response to both crimes must be undertaken in an effective and coordinated manner,

Considering that the whole process of donation and transplantation of human organs, including recovery, should be an established part of national health services provided to the public, that the process should take place under conditions aimed at the protection of the rights of donors and recipients of organs and that health-care systems should be instrumental in ensuring such conditions,

Considering also that the commercial trade in human organs is prohibited in almost all Member States and that both trafficking in persons for the purpose of organ removal and trafficking in human organs have a profound impact on the health both of those who sell their organs and of victims of trafficking in persons for the purpose of organ removal, as well as on organ recipients who may fall victim to deception, and that both crimes might represent a threat to public health and may, in some cases, affect the integrity and the functioning of health-care systems,

¹³² See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2014 Supplement No. 10 (E/2014/30)*, chap. I, sect. D.

¹³³ *Ibid.*, 2016 Supplement No. 10 (E/2016/30), chap. I, sect. D.

¹³⁴ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2225, No. 39574.

¹³⁵ *Ibid.*, vol. 2237, No. 39574.

¹³⁶ See World Health Organization, document WHA63/2010/REC/1.

¹³⁷ See A/68/256.

Alarmed at the potential growth of exploitation, by criminal groups, of human needs, poverty and destitution for the purpose of trafficking in human organs, using force, coercion, abduction, fraud or deception,

Noting the need to protect living donors by preventing their exploitation by traffickers in human organs, including by providing potential donors and vulnerable members of society with relevant information, as well as the need to investigate, prosecute and punish those traffickers and to provide assistance to victims,

Emphasizing the importance of respecting and protecting the rights of victims of trafficking in persons for the purpose of organ removal and, when recognized in national legislation, addressing the vulnerability of victims of trafficking in human organs, and providing assistance as applicable,

Convinced of the need to strengthen local, regional and international cooperation for the effective prevention and combating of trafficking in persons for the purpose of organ removal and trafficking in human organs wherever they occur, and determined to prevent the provision of safe haven to those who participate in or profit from transnational organized crime and to prosecute such persons for the crimes they commit,

1. *Urges* Member States to prevent and combat trafficking in persons for the purpose of organ removal and trafficking in human organs, in accordance with their obligations under international and national law, and to uphold accountability through measures that may include preventing and, in accordance with relevant national legislation, investigating, prosecuting and punishing the unauthorized removal or implantation of organs and the illicit sale, brokering and purchase and other illicit transactions in respect of human organs, as well as trafficking in persons for the purpose of organ removal;

2. *Urges* Member States that have not yet done so to ratify or accede to, as a matter of priority, the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime¹⁵⁴ and the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime,¹⁵⁵ taking into consideration the central role of those instruments in the fight against trafficking in persons, and urges States parties to those instruments to implement them fully and effectively;

3. *Urges* Member States to consider adopting the following measures related to organ transplantation, in accordance with the fundamental principles of their domestic legal systems and national legislations and in line with the World Health Organization guiding principles on human cell, tissue and organ transplantation:¹⁵⁶

(a) Strengthening legislative frameworks, including by reviewing, developing or amending them, as appropriate, to prevent and combat trafficking in persons for the purpose of organ removal and trafficking in human organs, which may include prosecution for illicit sale, brokering and purchase and other illicit transactions in respect of human organs;

(b) Adopting appropriate legislative measures necessary to guarantee that the donation of organs is guided by clinical criteria and ethical norms, based on the donors' informed and voluntary consent, as an altruistic act, performed without any monetary payment or other reward of monetary value, which does not preclude reimbursing reasonable and verifiable expenses incurred by donors;

(c) Ensuring equitable access to human organ transplantation, on the basis of non-discrimination, and increasing public awareness and understanding of the benefits resulting from the voluntary non-remunerated provision of organs from deceased and living donors, and of the physical, psychological and social risks to individuals and communities caused by trafficking in human organs and transplant tourism;

(d) Ensuring that the removal of human organs from both deceased and living persons, as well as the transplantation of human organs, exclusively take place in centres specifically authorized by the relevant national health authorities and are not performed outside the framework of domestic transplantation systems or in situations where the transplantation is performed in breach of the guiding principles or national transplantation laws or rules;

(e) Developing and strengthening regulatory oversight of the medical facilities and medical professionals involved in the transplantation of human organs, including through control measures, such as periodic audits;

(f) Setting specific processes and criteria for the authorization of every organ removal and transplantation procedure;

¹⁵⁴ World Health Organization, document WHA63.2010.6/REC/L annex 8.

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(g) Developing registries, with due regard to professional confidentiality and personal data protection in respect of both donors and recipients, that include information regarding each organ recovery and transplantation procedure and follow-up with living donors and recipients of organs, with the purpose of ensuring the transparency of practices, traceability and the quality and safety of human organs;

(h) Promoting the voluntary contribution of periodic information to international registers for organ donation and transplantation activity, such as the Global Observatory on Donation and Transplantation developed in collaboration with the World Health Organization;

(i) Providing long-term medical and psychosocial care for both living donors and recipients;

4. *Encourages* Member States to exchange experience in and information on preventing, combating and punishing the illicit removal of and trafficking in human organs and trafficking in persons for the purpose of organ removal, as well as on the protection of victims, as appropriate;

5. *Also encourages* Member States to progress towards self-sufficiency in the transplantation of human organs by developing strategies aimed at decreasing the incidence of diseases treatable through transplantation, and at ethically increasing the availability of human organs for transplantation purposes, with special attention to maximizing donations from deceased donors and to protecting the health and welfare of living donors;

6. *Further encourages* Member States to develop effective organ donation and transplantation systems and provide technical assistance for their implementation in requesting countries;

7. *Encourages* Member States to provide training and capacity-building for law enforcement and border control officials, as well as for medical, health and care centre professionals, on identifying potential cases, including on the Internet, of trafficking in human organs and trafficking in persons for the purpose of organ removal and on the need to certify the origin of organs to be transplanted and to report suspected or confirmed illegal practices;

8. *Also encourages* Member States to strengthen international cooperation in responding to the crimes of trafficking in persons for the purpose of organ removal and trafficking in human organs, as provided for in relevant and applicable law, including domestic and international law;

9. *Urges* Member States to further develop, in their domestic legislation, ways of protecting victims of trafficking in persons for the purpose of organ removal and, as appropriate, ways of addressing the vulnerability of those individuals who sell their organs, including by considering the following measures:

(a) Adopting all necessary measures, including legal measures, to protect the rights and interests of victims in the course of all phases of criminal prosecution and judicial proceedings;

(b) Facilitating the access of victims of trafficking in persons for the purpose of organ removal and, as appropriate, of those individuals who sell their organs to appropriate information related to their case, as well as to the necessary protection of their health and other rights that are at stake, including their right to anonymity;

(c) Providing medical and psychosocial care to victims in the short, medium and long term;

(d) Ensuring that domestic legal systems contain measures that offer victims the possibility of obtaining effective compensation for the damage suffered;

(e) Promoting the creation of governmental mechanisms and providing support to specialized non-governmental organizations, as appropriate, to address the needs of groups at risk of trafficking in human organs and trafficking in persons for the purpose of organ removal, in order to facilitate the provision of holistic and early care to potential or actual victims of those crimes, and ensuring that all support measures are non-discriminatory, gender-, age- and culturally sensitive and comply with their international human rights obligations and national legislation;

10. *Requests* the World Health Organization, in collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, among other relevant bodies, to develop international guidelines on the health, criminal and human rights aspects relating to trafficking in persons for the purpose of organ removal and trafficking in human organs;

11. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to engage in a dialogue with members of the Inter-Agency Coordination Group against Trafficking in Persons and other relevant intergovernmental international organizations, in particular the World Health Organization, in close consultation with Member States, so as to enable

the Office to improve data collection and analysis on instances of trafficking in persons for the purpose of organ removal and relevant prosecutions, and to promote research among diverse fields, such as the medical and health management fields, as well as on the part of the anti-trafficking community, while bearing in mind that data on trafficking in persons for the purpose of organ removal are being gathered for the *Global Report on Trafficking in Persons*, in accordance with the provisions set out in General Assembly resolution 70/179;

12. *Also requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in collaboration with other entities of the United Nations system, including the World Health Organization, to continue providing capacity-building and technical assistance to States, upon request, to assist them in strengthening national capacities to effectively prevent and combat trafficking in persons for the purpose of organ removal and trafficking in human organs;

13. *Invites* Member States and other donors to provide extrabudgetary resources to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime for the purposes of implementing the present resolution, and to the World Health Organization for the drawing up of international guidelines on the health ramifications of the crimes of trafficking in persons for the purpose of organ removal and trafficking in human organs, on the basis of the World Health Organization guiding principles on human cell, tissue and organ transplantation and in accordance with the rules and procedures of the United Nations, for submission to the General Assembly for consideration at its seventy-third session.

RESOLUTION 71/323

Adopted at the 96th plenary meeting, on 8 September 2017, without a vote, on the basis of the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly (A/71/1007, para. 64)

71/323. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 70/305 of 13 September 2016 and all other previous resolutions relating to the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly,¹³⁹

Acknowledging that resolution 70/305 constitutes an important landmark for the strengthening of the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the General Assembly as established by the Charter of the United Nations, in particular regarding the strengthening of the accountability, transparency and institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly,

Mindful of the milestone achievements in the course of 2015, in particular the adoption by the General Assembly of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development¹⁴⁰ and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development,¹⁴¹ as well as the Paris Agreement adopted under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,¹⁴²

Underlining the need to further enhance the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the General Assembly,

Reiterating that the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly is a critical component of the overall reform of the United Nations,

Emphasizing the need to align the agenda of the General Assembly in full support of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

Recognizing the role of the General Assembly in addressing issues of peace and security, in accordance with the Charter, and acknowledging its role and authority, established in Article 10 of the Charter, to make

¹³⁹ Resolutions 46/77, 47/233, 48/264, 51/241, 52/163, 55/14, 55/285, 56/509, 57/300, 57/301, 58/126, 58/316, 59/313, 60/286, 61/292, 62/276, 63/309, 64/301, 65/315, 66/294, 67/297, 68/307 and 69/321.

¹⁴⁰ Resolution 70/1.

¹⁴¹ Resolution 69/313, annex.

¹⁴² See U.N. Doc. A/CONF.21/10/Add.1, decision I/CP.21, annex.

recommendations to the Members of the United Nations or to the Security Council or to both, on questions or matters within the scope of the Charter, except as provided in Article 12 thereof.

Reaffirming the central position of the General Assembly as the chief deliberative, policymaking and representative organ of the United Nations, as well as the role of the Assembly in the process of standard-setting and the codification of international law,

Reaffirming also the role and authority of the General Assembly in global matters of concern to the international community, including in global governance, as set out in the Charter,

Mindful that we have yet to achieve full gender and geographical balance within the United Nations, while welcoming the ongoing intergovernmental efforts in this regard, and convinced of the need to guarantee equal opportunities for women and men from all regional groups in their access to senior decision-making positions, including to the post of Secretary-General, bearing in mind the need to secure the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity,

Welcoming the conclusion of the process of selection and appointment of the ninth Secretary-General, which was characterized by an enhanced degree of transparency, accountability and inclusivity, in accordance with resolutions 69/321 of 11 September 2015 and 70/305,

Welcoming also the fact that women constituted more than half of all of the candidates for Secretary-General presented by Member States in accordance with resolution 69/321, and emphasizing the need to strive for gender balance in the selection of other executive heads,

Affirming that the work of the President of the General Assembly and of the Office of the President of the General Assembly shall be guided by the principles of universality, objectivity, non-selectivity, constructive international dialogue and cooperation,

Welcoming the efforts of the President of the General Assembly to reinvigorate the revitalization of the work of the Assembly during its seventy-first session,

Taking note of the observations and proposals on improving the working methods of the Main Committees of the General Assembly made by the Chairs of the Main Committees at the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly thematic meeting on working methods held on 28 March 2017,¹⁴³

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly and the updated inventory of Assembly resolutions on revitalization annexed thereto;¹⁴⁴
2. *Takes note with appreciation* of the multilingual web page devoted to the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, accessible directly from the United Nations website, which exists in all six official languages, and invites the Secretariat to continue updating regularly and equally that web page and its substantive content in a cost-effective manner;
3. *Decides* to establish, at its seventy-second session, an ad hoc working group on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, open to all Member States:
 - (a) To identify further ways to enhance the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the Assembly, inter alia, by building on the progress achieved in past sessions as well as on previous resolutions, including evaluating the status of their implementation;
 - (b) To submit a report thereon to the Assembly at its seventy-second session;
4. *Also decides* that the Ad Hoc Working Group shall continue its review of the inventory of General Assembly resolutions on revitalization annexed to the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group submitted at the seventy-first session and, as a result, continue to update the inventory to be attached to the report to be submitted at the seventy-second session of the Assembly;

¹⁴³ See A/71/1007.

5. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General,¹⁴⁴ and requests the Secretary-General to submit an update on the provisions of the General Assembly resolutions on revitalization addressed to the Secretariat for implementation that have not been implemented, with an indication of the constraints and reasons behind any lack of implementation, for further consideration by the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventy-second session;

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6. *Reaffirms* the role and authority of the General Assembly, including on questions relating to international peace and security, in accordance with Articles 10 to 14 and 35 of the Charter of the United Nations, where appropriate, using the procedures set forth in rules 7 to 10 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, which enable swift and urgent action by the Assembly, bearing in mind that the Security Council has the primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security, in accordance with Article 24 of the Charter;

7. *Recognizes* that implementation of General Assembly resolutions, including those related to the revitalization of its work, enhances the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the Assembly, and underlines the important role and responsibility of Member States in their full implementation;

8. *Reaffirms* that the relationship between the principal organs of the United Nations is mutually reinforcing and complementary, in accordance with and with full respect for their respective functions, authority, powers and competencies as enshrined in the Charter, as demonstrated through the joint activity of the Presidents of the Security Council and the General Assembly in the process of the selection and appointment of the Secretary-General during the seventieth and seventy-first sessions, and in this regard stresses the importance of further ensuring increased cooperation, coordination and the exchange of information among the Presidents of the principal organs and also with the Secretariat, in particular the Secretary-General;

9. *Recalls* the practice of holding periodic informal briefings by the Secretary-General on his priorities, travels and most recent activities, including his participation in international meetings and events organized outside the United Nations, and invites the Secretary-General to continue this practice;

10. *Welcomes* the establishment of an interactive and comprehensive dialogue between the Permanent Missions and the Secretariat, as mandated in resolution 70/305, aimed at improving the work of the Secretariat in its interaction with the Permanent Missions, and requests the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group to continue to convene the interactive dialogue within the framework of the Ad Hoc Working Group, aimed at:

(a) Identifying issues in the interaction of the Secretariat with the Permanent Missions;

(b) Identifying solutions in better meeting the needs and requirements of the Permanent Missions regarding standard operating procedures used at United Nations Headquarters in New York;

11. *Decides* that thematic dialogues shall be held periodically during the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group, and also decides to review this arrangement at the seventy-third session of the General Assembly;

12. *Requests* the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group to circulate to Member States and the Secretariat the issues raised during the official meetings of the Ad Hoc Working Group in order to receive written feedback from the Secretariat on concerns raised by the Permanent Missions, and also requests the Co-Chairs to circulate a written summary of the interactive and comprehensive dialogues;

13. *Welcomes*, in this regard, the active participation by the Secretariat during the seventy-first session, and in particular:

(a) Notes with appreciation the creation of a focal point in the Department of Management with the objective of facilitating the interaction between Permanent Missions and the Secretariat;

(b) Calls for swift implementation of the "one-stop-shop" arrangement within the Secretariat to provide a single entry point for requesting meetings services, with a self-service interface that will enhance coordination among service providers at United Nations Headquarters in New York, while encouraging the Secretariat to make similar arrangements for other services provided;

¹⁴⁴ A/71/780.

14. *Reaffirms* the importance and benefit of continuing interaction between the General Assembly and international or regional forums and organizations dealing with global matters of concern to the international community, as well as with civil society, where appropriate, and encourages the exploration of appropriate actions or measures, while fully respecting the intergovernmental nature of the Assembly, in conformity with its relevant rules of procedure;

15. *Recognizes* the value of holding interactive inclusive thematic debates on current issues of critical importance to the international community, and calls upon the President of the General Assembly to organize such debates in close consultation with the General Committee and the Member States, including with regard to the frequency and preliminary programme of such debates, in order to enable an adequate level of participation and an appropriate allocation of time for substantive interactive discussion during the debates so as to enable all interested delegations to state their positions and to facilitate, where appropriate, results-oriented and productive outcomes of such debates, and in this context welcomes the initiative of the President of the Assembly at its seventy-first session to select "The Sustainable Development Goals: a universal push to transform our world" as the theme of the general debate;

16. *Requests*, in this regard, the President of the General Assembly to limit high-level meetings to current issues of critical importance to the international community, with the interest of the wider membership in mind and with a focus on the most vulnerable, while encouraging the allocation of events of a strictly sectoral or thematic nature to the six Main Committees;

17. *Commends* improvements in the quality of the annual report of the Security Council to the General Assembly, including as presented in the note by the President of the Security Council,¹²⁵ and welcomes the willingness of the Council to continue to consider other suggestions concerning improvements to the annual report;

18. *Invites* the Secretariat, including the Department of Public Information, while carrying out its activities, as mandated by the General Assembly, to continue its efforts to raise the visibility of the Assembly and to enhance world public and media awareness of the contribution made by the Assembly to the fulfilment of the goals of the Organization, as set out in the Charter;

19. *Requests* the Secretary-General, under relevant agenda items, to bring to the attention of the Member States constraints that have prevented the Secretary-General from implementing those provisions of General Assembly resolutions that are addressed to the Secretariat;

Working methods

20. *Reaffirms* existing relevant mandates related to the improvement of the working methods of the Main Committees, including section C of the annex to resolution 58/316 of 1 July 2004, paragraphs 7 to 13 of resolution 59/313 of 12 September 2005, cluster III of the annex to resolution 60/286 of 8 September 2006 and resolution 69/321, in particular paragraphs 16 and 17 thereof;

21. *Requests* each Main Committee to further discuss its working methods at the beginning of every session, and in this regard invites the Chairs of the Main Committees to brief the Ad Hoc Working Group during the seventy-second session on any best practices and lessons learned with a view to improving working methods, as appropriate;

22. *Recalls* section C, paragraph 3, of the annex to its resolution 58/316, requests the Chairs of the Main Committees to organize handover meetings of the outgoing and incoming bureaux to exchange views on outcomes and the upcoming agenda, and invites the Chairs of the Main Committees to present a report to their successors on best practices and lessons learned;

23. *Invites* the President-elect of the General Assembly to meet with the incoming members of the General Committee before the beginning of the regular session in order to review the proposed programme of work of the Main Committees, with a view to increasing their efficiency and improving complementarity;

¹²⁵ S/2015/944.

24. *Calls* for the six Chairs of the Main Committees to meet periodically during the session of the General Assembly to share best practices and increase the coherence and complementarity of the work of the Main Committees;

25. *Welcomes* efforts to afford elected members of the Security Council appropriate opportunities to prepare for their tenure, and also welcomes the note by the President of the Security Council in which the elected Council members are invited to observe some of its meetings and activities as from 1 October immediately preceding their term of membership;¹⁴⁰

26. *Emphasizes* that the General Assembly and its Main Committees, at the seventy-second session, in consultation with Member States, should continue their consideration of and make proposals for the further biennialization, triennialization, clustering and elimination of items on the agenda of the Assembly, including through the introduction of a sunset clause, with the clear consent of the sponsoring State or States, taking into account the relevant recommendations of the Ad Hoc Working Group;

27. *Recalls* its resolution 48/264 of 29 July 1994, by which it adopted the Guidelines on the Rationalization of the Agenda of the General Assembly;

28. *Also recalls* the need to enhance synergies and coherence and reduce overlap where it is found to exist in the agendas of the General Assembly, especially of its Second and Third Committees, the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies, and the work of the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Council and the Assembly, as well as all other related forums, in accordance with relevant rules of procedure and in the light of the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,¹⁴⁰ and calls for the continuation of such efforts during the seventy-second session of the Assembly;

29. *Requests* the General Committee, while exercising its functions under rule 40 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, to pay special attention to reduction of such overlap;

30. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-second session to identify proposals, through consultations with all Member States and the President of the Economic and Social Council, as well as through the convening of the General Committee, aimed at addressing gaps and duplication in the agenda of the Assembly as they relate to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, taking into account the report on the strategic alignment of future sessions of the Assembly and other relevant inputs, for the consideration of Member States during the seventy-third session of the Assembly;

31. *Recalls* rules 153 and 154 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, and encourages the Chairs of the Main Committees and the Secretary-General to ensure observance of these rules, within their respective mandates;

32. *Also recalls* rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, and calls for strict adherence by each speaker to the time limits in the Assembly, where applicable, and in particular during the general debate, the high-level meetings of the Assembly and the high-level thematic debates convened by the President of the General Assembly;

33. *Invites* the Chairs of meetings of the General Assembly and United Nations conferences, especially when there is very limited time available for debate, to consider recommending the "all protocol observed" principle, whereby participants are encouraged to refrain from listing standard protocol expressions during their statements;

34. *Decides* to continue to consider ways to rationalize the number of side events held during the high-level segment of the general debate, bearing in mind the need to enhance its decorum and significance, and encourages the scheduling of side events at United Nations Headquarters outside of the hours when the general debate is being held;

35. *Requests* the Secretariat to provide a tool to allow Member States and the United Nations system to upload and publish information about side events organized by them at United Nations Headquarters throughout the year;

¹⁴⁰ S/2016/619.

36. *Decides* that the general debate and the thematic meetings of the Ad Hoc Working Group shall be webcast;

37. *Recalls* its resolutions 1898 (XVIII) of 11 November 1963, 2837 (XXVI) of 17 December 1971, 45/45 of 28 November 1990, 51/241 of 31 July 1997, 58/126 of 19 December 2003 and 58/316, and calls upon the President of the General Assembly to make full use of the General Committee throughout the session, with a view to reviewing the programme of work of the Assembly and its Main Committees, in line with rule 42 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly;

38. *Reiterates its invitation* to the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly and the Chairs of the Main Committees, in consultation with the General Committee and Member States, to enhance the coordination of the scheduling of the meetings of the Assembly, including high-level meetings and high-level thematic debates, with a view to optimizing their interactivity, effectiveness and distribution throughout the session, and to consider ways to decrease the number of high-level events held during the general debate;

39. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, in order to enhance transparency, to attach the list of speakers at high-level thematic debates organized by the President to the summary of those events;

40. *Encourages* the scheduling of future high-level meetings during the first half of the year, from within existing resources, taking into account the calendar of conferences and without prejudice to the current practice of convening one high-level meeting in September at the beginning of each session of the General Assembly;

41. *Decides* that, with sufficient time before the opening of each regular or special session of the General Assembly, the Secretariat, in particular its protocol and security services, shall hold discussions with all Member States on all aspects related to the organization of the high-level segment of the general debate and any other activities that may have special organizational requirements;

42. *Also decides* that, with due consideration given to accessibility issues, in all plenary meetings of the General Assembly, including plenary meetings of high-level events, the seating arrangement of Member States shall follow English alphabetical order, beginning with the name of the country selected by lot each year and avoiding distinctions between Member States as to the rank of the head of delegation;

43. *Recalls* the interim arrangement approved by the General Assembly in decision 68/505 of 1 October 2013, recommending a pattern for the rotation of the Chairs of the Main Committees until the seventy-third session of the Assembly, reiterates its request that the Ad Hoc Working Group prepare long-term arrangements concerning the election of the Chairs and Rapporteurs of the Main Committees with the aim of establishing a predictable, transparent and fair mechanism, in consultation with regional groups, and that it submit them to the Assembly no later than at its seventy-second session, and in this regard reiterates its invitation to Member States to present proposals and to devote early attention to the matter of concluding a future arrangement, which would come into effect at the seventy-fourth session of the Assembly, with the annex to resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014 containing the guidelines on the election of the Chairs and Rapporteurs of the Main Committees to be considered in this context;

44. *Encourages* Member States to seek gender balance in the distribution of the Chairs and bureau members of the Main Committees as well as the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly, where applicable;

45. *Decides* that, during the seventy-second session of the General Assembly, the Ad Hoc Working Group shall start to consider the potential concept and scope of a code of conduct to guide the conduct of election campaigns by Member States, with a view to improving the standards of transparency, accountability and equity;

46. *Also decides* to amend rule 92 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly by deleting its second sentence;

47. *Further decides* that the names of candidates for election by the General Assembly or by the Main Committees shall be communicated to the Secretariat, where possible, at least 48 hours prior to an election unless otherwise required by specific rules governing the elections concerned, and that those names shall be printed on the ballot papers, while additional space shall be provided on the ballot paper for inscribing other names, where applicable;

48. *Decides* that on the day of election in the General Assembly or in the Main Committees the campaign materials distributed in the General Assembly Hall or in the Committee meeting room shall be limited to a single page of information regarding the candidates, with a view to preserving the decorum of the Assembly;

49. *Encourages* Member States to make, to the extent possible, full use of the e-services provided by the Secretariat, in order to save costs and reduce the environmental impact and improve the distribution of documents, and in this regard requests the Secretariat to further improve, harmonize and, where appropriate, unify such services, including by making available all the official correspondence of the United Nations addressed to the Member States;

50. *Requests* the Secretariat to explore ways to provide real-time updates with respect to the cancellation and postponement of meetings, as currently provided on the screens at United Nations Headquarters, through a user-friendly application for electronic devices, and to present possible options to the Ad Hoc Working Group during the seventy-second session of the General Assembly;

51. *Takes note with appreciation* of the cost-neutral proposals on the possible changes to the format, production and editing of the *Journal of the United Nations*, including the streamlining and digitalization of its content with a user-friendly interface, presented by the Under-Secretary General for General Assembly and Conference Management at the second thematic meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group, and in this regard decides that during the calendar year 2018, official meetings of the day, forthcoming official meetings and summaries of official meetings shall be published in the *Journal* in all six official languages;

52. *Decides* that during the calendar year 2018 all other meetings and information, contained in the remaining part of the current version of the *Journal*, shall be published in the languages currently used from January to August;

53. *Calls upon* all relevant intergovernmental bodies to review the need for and content of the *Journal* summaries of their meetings and other announcements, and to take the steps necessary with a view to ensuring a more streamlined format for the *Journal of the United Nations*;

54. *Reiterates* the need to produce the *Journal* in all six official languages in strict compliance with rule 55 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, and decides that the Ad Hoc Working Group shall review the implementation of the decisions of the Assembly on the format, production and editing of the *Journal* during the seventy-second session, starting in March 2018;

55. *Requests* the Secretary-General to brief the Ad Hoc Working Group, on a yearly basis, on the progress achieved on the gradual extension, in a cost-neutral manner, of the information in the *Journal of the United Nations* published in the six official languages;

Selection and appointment of the Secretary-General and other executive heads

56. *Commends* the Presidents of the General Assembly at its seventieth and seventy-first sessions for their active contribution to the implementation of provisions guiding the selection and appointment of the ninth Secretary-General, as contained in resolutions 69/321 and 70/305;

57. *Reiterates* that the process of selecting and appointing the Secretary-General differs from the process used with regard to the executive heads of the organizations of the United Nations system, given the roles of the Security Council and the General Assembly in accordance with Article 97 of the Charter, and emphasizes in particular that the process of selection of the Secretary-General is guided by the principles of transparency and inclusiveness, building on the best practices and the participation of all Member States;

58. *Stresses*, in particular, the need to ensure the appointment of the best possible candidate for the post of Secretary-General, who embodies the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity and who demonstrates a firm commitment to the purposes and principles of the United Nations, proven leadership and managerial abilities, extensive experience in international relations and strong diplomatic, communication and multilingual skills;

59. *Reaffirms its commitment* to continue, in the Ad Hoc Working Group, in accordance with the provisions of Article 97 of the Charter, its thorough consideration of the issues under the third thematic cluster of the Working Group, on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, including the examination of innovative ways to improve the process of selecting and appointing the Secretary-General and other executive heads in all its aspects, and recalls all relevant resolutions, including resolutions 11 (I) of 24 January 1946, 46/77 of 12 December 1991, 47/233 of 17 August 1993, 48/264, 51/241, 52/163 of 15 December 1997, 55/14 of 3 November 2000, 55/285 of

7 September 2001, 56/509 of 8 July 2002, 57/300 of 20 December 2002, 57/301 of 13 March 2003, 58/126, 58/316, 59/313, 60/286, 61/292 of 2 August 2007, 62/276 of 15 September 2008, 63/309 of 14 September 2009, 64/301 of 13 September 2010, 65/315 of 12 September 2011, 66/294 of 17 September 2012, 67/297 of 29 August 2013, 68/307, 69/321 and 70/305, reaffirming the applicable procedures set out in the rules of procedure of the Assembly, in particular rule 141, and acknowledging existing relevant practices of the Assembly;

60. *Calls upon* the President of the General Assembly to monitor and review the implementation by the Assembly of these resolutions;

61. *Welcomes* the ongoing efforts of the Secretary-General towards achieving equal and fair distribution in terms of the gender and geographical balance of the executive heads of the United Nations system and the Senior Management Group of the Organization, while securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity, and requests that further effective measures be taken in this regard;

62. *Recalls* its resolution 52/12 B of 19 December 1997, in particular paragraph 2 thereof, in which it notes that the Secretary-General will appoint the Deputy Secretary-General following consultations with Member States, and stresses that the process of appointments to senior posts by the Secretary-General within the Organization should be inclusive and transparent, in accordance with relevant rules of procedure and as set out in the Charter;

63. *Stresses* the need to ensure equal and fair distribution based on gender balance and as wide a geographical basis as possible, and in this regard recalls its resolutions 46/232 of 2 March 1992 and 51/241, adopted without a vote, which contain the principles that the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity are the paramount considerations in the recruitment and performance of international civil servants and that, as a general rule, there should be no monopoly on senior posts in the United Nations system by nationals of any State or group of States;

64. *Reiterates its request* that the Secretary-General continue his ongoing efforts to ensure the attainment of equitable geographical distribution and gender balance in the Secretariat, while recalling its resolution 71/263 of 23 December 2016, in particular the paragraphs thereof related to equitable geographical distribution and gender balance;

65. *Requests* the Office of Human Resources Management of the Secretariat to provide a briefing to the Ad Hoc Working Group during the seventy-second session of the General Assembly on the gender balance and regional origin of the executive heads of the United Nations system and the Senior Management Group of the Organization;

Strengthening the accountability, transparency and institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly

66. *Commends* the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-first session for strengthening the transparency and inclusivity of his Office, including through the increased and creative use of online facilities, and for providing a financial disclosure upon assumption of office and releasing detailed information on the finances of and contributions to his Office and details on the official travel, substantive activities, staffing and activities of his Office, as mandated in resolution 70/305, and looks forward to an end-of-term report on these matters, and requests future Presidents of the Assembly to follow these good practices;

67. *Welcomes* the taking of the oath of office and the observation of the code of ethics by the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-first session, as contained in annexes X and XI to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, thus contributing to increased transparency and accountability of the Office;

68. *Notes with appreciation* the views expressed by the Office of the President of the General Assembly to the Ad Hoc Working Group on the strengthening of the accountability, transparency and institutional memory of the Office of the President and its relationship with the Secretariat and the measures already undertaken in this regard, while continuing to explore additional measures where feasible, and notes the support provided by the General Assembly and Economic and Social Council Affairs Division of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management of the Secretariat to the Office of the President;

69. *Encourages* the Presidents of the General Assembly to continue the practice of periodically briefing Member States on their activities, including official travel;

70. *Commends* the initiative of convening a retreat on the strengthening of the General Assembly, which brings together the incoming and outgoing presidencies of each session of the Assembly, and in this regard takes note of the summary of the proceedings of the retreat held on 19 July 2016;¹⁴⁷

71. *Also commends* the steps taken by the Office of the President of the General Assembly, assisted by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, to develop a standardized format for the written handover summary of best practices and lessons learned, welcomes with appreciation the provision of a handover report from the President of the Assembly at its seventieth session to his successor, which was transmitted to all Member States, and requests future Presidents of the Assembly to continue this practice;

72. *Supports* the efforts made thus far in archiving and record-keeping by the Office of the President of the General Assembly, with the assistance of the Archives and Records Management Section of the Department of Management of the Secretariat, and stresses the need to continue to consider methods to effectively preserve the institutional memory of the Office;

73. *Decides*, in full respect of the established principle of geographical rotation and its resolution 33/138 of 19 December 1978, to conduct informal interactive dialogues with candidates for the position of President of the General Assembly, thus contributing to the transparency and inclusivity of the process, and calls upon candidates to present to the Assembly their vision statements;

74. *Stresses* the need to promote and ensure gender balance throughout the United Nations system, and in this regard invites Member States to consider presenting women as candidates for the position of President of the General Assembly, and encourages Presidents-elect to continue to ensure respect for balanced gender and geographical representation in the Office of the President of the General Assembly;

75. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventy-second session of the General Assembly on the sources of funding and staffing of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, including on any technical, logistical, protocol-related or financial questions, and for more clarification on the budgetary basis for the provision of such support by the Secretariat;

76. *Emphasizes* the need to ensure, from within agreed resources, that the Office of the President of the General Assembly is allocated dedicated Secretariat staff, with responsibility to, in an efficient and capable manner, coordinate the transition between Presidents, manage interactions between the President and the Secretary-General and preserve institutional memory, welcomes the provision by Member States of staff from their respective Permanent Missions to be seconded to the Office of the President, and encourages the continuation of this existing good practice;

77. *Recalls* its request to the Secretary-General and its invitation to the heads of specialized agencies, funds and programmes, upon request by the President of the General Assembly, to consider seconding staff to work in the Office of the President of the General Assembly on a more systematic basis;

78. *Notes* that the activities of the President of the General Assembly have increased markedly in recent years, recalls provisions regarding support for the Office of the President of the General Assembly in previous resolutions, and expresses continued interest in seeking ways to further support the Office, in accordance with existing procedures, in particular rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, as well as to continue discussions within the Ad Hoc Working Group on further steps to strengthen the Office;

79. *Recalls its request* that the Secretary-General submit, in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, proposals to review the budget allocation of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, in accordance with existing procedures and taking into account the deliberations of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the issue, and in this connection looks forward to considering such proposals during the main part of its seventy-second session;

80. *Welcomes* the decision by the Secretary-General to make non-staff programme budget resources available to Presidents of the General Assembly from the date of their election;

¹⁴⁷ See A/71/933.

81. *Stresses* the importance of the contributions of Member States to the trust fund in support of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, and in this regard notes with appreciation the contributions that have been made to the fund, and encourages Member States to continue to contribute to the fund and to allow for unspent contributions from previous sessions to be made available for succeeding terms;

82. *Welcomes* the establishment of the practice of vetting all contributions from sources other than Member States through the Ethics Office, and urges adherence to this practice;

83. *Reiterates its call* for non-in-kind contributions to be channelled through the trust fund, and welcomes the steps taken in this regard by the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-first session;

84. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, in cooperation with the Secretariat, to report to the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventy-second session of the Assembly on the implementation of all mandates accorded to him under the present resolution and previous relevant resolutions.

RESOLUTION 71/324

Adopted at the 96th plenary meeting, on 8 September 2017, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/71/L.84 and Add.1, sponsored by: Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Latvia, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tunisia, Turkey, Tuvalu, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Zimbabwe.

71/324. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 54/10 of 26 October 1999, by which it granted observer status to the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries and considered it mutually advantageous to provide for cooperation between the United Nations and the Community, as well as its resolutions 59/21 of 8 November 2004, 61/223 of 20 December 2006, 63/143 of 11 December 2008, 65/159 of 16 December 2010, 67/252 of 26 March 2013 and 69/311 of 6 July 2015,

Recalling also the Articles of the Charter of the United Nations, in particular of Chapter VIII, that encourage activities through regional cooperation for the promotion of the purposes and principles of the United Nations, and Security Council resolution 1809 (2008) of 16 April 2008 on peace and security in Africa,

Considering that the activities of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries complement and support the work of the United Nations, and taking into account in that regard the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations of 15 July 2016,¹²⁵

Considering also the relevance of the Portuguese language in international affairs, unifying over 275.7 million people in nine countries and four continents, and noting the political commitment of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries to promote the Portuguese language in international and regional organizations, including the United Nations and its specialized agencies, funds and programmes,

Welcoming the celebration of Portuguese Language and Culture Day, 5 May 2017, by the States members of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries in New York,

¹²⁵ A/71/60-S/2016/621.

Highlighting the commitment demonstrated by the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries in addressing the issue of food and nutrition security, namely, through the work of the Food and Nutrition Security Council of the Community and the "Together against Hunger" campaign,

Taking note with appreciation of the commitment of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries to the promotion and protection of human rights within the Community,

Taking note with appreciation also of the commitment of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries to gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls,

Noting the convening of the third International Conference on the Future of the Portuguese Language in the World System, held in Dili on 15 and 16 June 2016, on the topic of the Portuguese language and globalization, and acknowledging the importance of the consideration by the Community of the Dili Action Plan, which, together with the Lisbon Action Plan and the Brasilia Action Plan, will update the global strategy for the promotion and diffusion of the Portuguese language,

Recalling its resolution 70/4 of 26 October 2015 on building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal, and in this regard welcoming the fact that the XXXI Olympic Summer Games and the XV Paralympic Summer Games, held in August and September 2016, respectively, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, took place for the first time in a Portuguese-speaking country,

Welcoming the continuous coordination among the ministers and high-level officials of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries on the margins of high-level meetings of the United Nations and their reaffirmation of the commitment of the Community to the values and principles of the Charter,

Expressing appreciation for the work consistently carried out by the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries in the achievement of its three broad objectives of diplomatic and political coordination, cooperation in all areas and promotion of the Portuguese language, and taking note of the adoption of its New Strategic Vision (2016-2026) by the eleventh Conference of Heads of State and Government of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries, held in Brasilia on 31 October and 1 November 2016,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the final declaration of the eleventh Conference of Heads of State and Government of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries, held in Brasilia on 31 October and 1 November 2016, on the theme "The Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", in which the Community recognized the need to further promote political dialogue, exchange of experiences and cooperation to support, within the Community, the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,¹⁴⁹ its Sustainable Development Goals and related targets;

2. *Recalls* the importance of the engagement of civil society in the activities of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries, taking into account the national legislation of each State member of the Community, and acknowledges that it can play an important role in advancing efforts in support of the implementation of all the Sustainable Development Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda within the Community;

3. *Also recalls* the importance of the participation of the private sector in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals within the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries through public-private partnerships, taking into account the national legislation of each State member of the Community, and notes with appreciation the first Global Economic Forum of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries, held in Dili from 25 to 27 February 2016;

4. *Notes* the admission of Czechia, Hungary, Slovakia and Uruguay as new associate observers during the eleventh Conference of Heads of State and Government of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries;

5. *Stresses* the importance of strengthening the cooperation between the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries and United Nations specialized agencies and other entities and programmes, in particular the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the United Nations Population Fund, the International Labour Organization, the

¹⁴⁹ Resolution 70/1.

International Organization for Migration, the World Intellectual Property Organization, the World Health Organization, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women);

6. *Also stresses* the importance of partnership and cooperation between the United Nations and other relevant organizations, including the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries, to improve coordination and cooperation in peacebuilding and sustaining peace, in accordance with their respective mandates, to increase synergies and ensure the coherence and complementarity of such efforts;

7. *Further stresses* the need for Guinea-Bissau to continue to take concrete steps towards peace, security and stability, welcomes the adoption of the six-point road map brokered by the Economic Community of West African States, and endorses the Conakry Agreement as the primary framework for a peaceful resolution of the political crisis, and in this context recalls Security Council resolution 2343 (2017) of 23 February 2017, notes the active engagement of the Secretary-General and his Special Representative for Guinea-Bissau, as well as of international bilateral and multilateral partners, in particular the African Union, the Economic Community of West African States, the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries and the European Union, in assisting the national authorities in their efforts to consolidate the constitutional order, to implement security sector, political and economic reforms, to combat drug trafficking and to fight impunity, and recognizes the role of the Peacebuilding Commission, in particular its Guinea-Bissau configuration, and the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau in this regard;

8. *Recalls* the International Contact Group on Guinea-Bissau as a prime example of cooperation between the United Nations, the Economic Community of West African States and the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries to the benefit of the people of Guinea-Bissau, and welcomes the continuing support of the international community for the efforts of Guinea-Bissau in strengthening its democratic institutions and moving towards sociopolitical stability, reconciliation and economic development, as reiterated on the occasion of the international conference held in Brussels on 25 March 2015 and co-hosted by the Government of Guinea-Bissau, the European Union and the United Nations Development Programme;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-third session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

10. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-third session, under the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations", the sub-item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries".

RESOLUTION 71/325

Adopted at the 97th plenary meeting, on 11 September 2017, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/71/L.69 and Add.1, sponsored by Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Guyana, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Maldives, Malta, Monaco, Norway, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Swaziland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States), Switzerland, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Viet Nam

71/325. Consolidating gains and accelerating efforts to control and eliminate malaria in developing countries, particularly in Africa, by 2030

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,¹⁵⁰ including the resolve of Member States to eliminate malaria by 2030, and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development,¹⁵¹

¹⁵⁰ Resolution 70/1.

¹⁵¹ Resolution 69/313, annex.

Recalling that the period 2001–2010 was proclaimed by the General Assembly as the Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa,¹⁵² and that combating HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis and other diseases is included in the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals,

Recalling also its resolution 70/300 of 9 September 2016 and all previous resolutions concerning the struggle against malaria in developing countries, particularly in Africa,

Recalling further World Health Assembly resolutions 60.18 of 23 May 2007 and 64.17 of 24 May 2011, urging a broad range of national and international actions to scale up malaria control programmes,¹⁵³ resolution 61.18 of 24 May 2008 on monitoring the achievement of health-related Millennium Development Goals¹⁵⁴ and resolution 68.2 of 22 May 2015 on the global technical strategy and targets for malaria 2016–2030,¹⁵⁵

Welcoming the adoption of the political declaration of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on antimicrobial resistance,¹⁵⁶ and in this regard noting the impact of antimicrobial resistance,

Recalling the commitment made by African leaders to end the epidemic of malaria by ensuring universal and equitable access to quality health care and by improving health systems and health financing, contained in the African Common Position on the post-2015 development agenda,

Bearing in mind the relevant resolutions of the Economic and Social Council relating to the struggle against malaria and diarrhoeal diseases, in particular resolution 1998/36 of 30 July 1998,

Taking note of all declarations and decisions on health issues, in particular those related to malaria, adopted by the Organization of African Unity and the African Union, including the Abuja Declaration on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Other Related Infectious Diseases, containing the pledge to allocate at least 15 per cent of national budgets to the health sector, the Abuja call for accelerated action towards universal access to HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria services in Africa, issued by the Heads of State and Government of the African Union at its special summit on HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, held in Abuja from 2 to 4 May 2006, the decision of the Assembly of the African Union at its fifteenth ordinary session, held in Kampala from 25 to 27 July 2010, to extend the Abuja call to 2015 to coincide with the Millennium Development Goals, and the declaration of the special summit of the African Union on HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, held in Abuja from 12 to 16 July 2013,

Recognizing the leadership provided by the African Leaders Malaria Alliance and the continued commitment to help to achieve the 2015 targets and eliminate malaria by 2030, and encouraging the members of the Alliance to continue to provide political leadership at the highest level in the fight against malaria in Africa,

Welcoming the leadership and commitment of the Asia Pacific Leaders Malaria Alliance to eliminate malaria in the Asia-Pacific region by 2030, and encouraging the members of the Alliance to continue to provide political leadership at the highest level in the fight against malaria in the region,

Welcoming also the launch of the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention to establish early warning and response surveillance systems, respond to emergencies, build capacity and provide technical expertise to address health emergencies in a timely and effective manner,

Taking note of the Global Technical Strategy for Malaria 2016–2030 of the World Health Organization, adopted by the World Health Assembly in May 2015,¹⁵⁵ and the Action and Investment to Defeat Malaria 2016–2030 plan of the Roll Back Malaria Partnership, launched at the third International Conference on Financing for Development, held in Addis Ababa from 13 to 16 July 2015, which together provide the framework for achieving a reduction in global malaria incidence and mortality rates by at least 90 per cent by 2030, in line with the 2030 Agenda,

¹⁵² See resolution 55/284.

¹⁵³ See World Health Organization, documents WHASS1/2006-WHA60/2007/REC/I and WHA64/2011/REC/I.

¹⁵⁴ See World Health Organization, document WHA61/2008/REC/I.

¹⁵⁵ See World Health Organization, document WHA68/2015/REC/I.

¹⁵⁶ Resolution 71/3.

Taking note also of the World Health Organization framework for action for an emergency response to artemisinin resistance in the Greater Mekong subregion of South-East Asia, launched in April 2013,

Reaffirming the Declaration of Alma-Ata, adopted at the International Conference on Primary Health Care, held in Alma-Ata from 6 to 12 September 1978, and its central role in launching the vision of the World Health Organization on health for all,

Recognizing the linkages among efforts being made to reach the targets set at the Extraordinary Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, held in Abuja on 24 and 25 April 2000, as necessary and important for the attainment of the "Roll Back Malaria" goal¹⁵⁷ and the targets of the Millennium Development Goals by 2010 and 2015, respectively, and welcoming in this regard the commitment of Member States to respond to the specific needs of Africa,

Acknowledging the remarkable progress seen in global malaria control between 2000 and 2015, including an estimated 60 per cent decline in malaria mortality rates among all age groups and a 65 per cent decline among children under 5 years of age,¹⁵⁸

Recognizing that continued scale-up of integrated community case management of malaria, pneumonia and diarrhoea in children under 5 years of age in the highest burden countries, and a strengthening of integrated delivery systems for malaria prevention tools, would be a cost-effective solution to help in bridging systems gaps until health systems are further strengthened,¹⁵⁹ while also helping to reach populations at highest risk of malaria,

Recalling that the target for malaria reduction under Millennium Development Goal 6 has been achieved,¹⁶⁰ with an estimated 37 per cent decline in global malaria case incidence between 2000 and 2015,

Recognizing the important gains in reversing the malaria burden in Africa, including a 42 per cent decline in malaria case incidence and a 66 per cent decline in malaria death rates between 2000 and 2015,¹⁵⁹

Acknowledging the progress made in parts of Africa in reversing the high burden of malaria through political engagement and sustainable national malaria control programmes, as well as the success achieved in respect of the 2015 goals concerning malaria control set by the World Health Assembly, the Roll Back Malaria Partnership and the Abuja Declaration on Roll Back Malaria in Africa,¹⁶⁰

Acknowledging also the progress made in Latin America in reducing the incidence of malaria, with 15 out of 21 countries reducing the incidence by 75 per cent by 2015, and in significantly decreasing the number of malaria deaths by 79 per cent since 2000, owing to the commitment of countries to improving access to medicines and health services and to sustained efforts in prevention programmes,

Recognizing that, despite the fact that increased global and national investments in malaria control have yielded significant results in decreasing the burden of malaria in many countries, and that some countries are moving towards the elimination of malaria, many countries continue to have unacceptably high burdens of malaria and, in order to reach the internationally agreed development goals, including the Sustainable Development Goals, must rapidly increase malaria prevention and control efforts, which rely heavily on medicines and insecticides whose utility is continuously threatened by the development of resistance to antimalarial agents, as well as resistance of mosquitoes to insecticides and their shift to outdoor biting and resting,

Aware that recent successes in prevention and control are fragile and can be maintained only with sufficient and sustained national and international investment to fund global malaria control efforts fully,

Regretting the high number of people still without access to medicines, and underscoring that improving access to medicines could save millions of lives every year,

Recognizing the serious challenges relating to substandard and falsified medical products, poor malaria diagnostics and poor quality of vector control products,

¹⁵⁷ See A/55/240/Add.1, annex.

¹⁵⁸ See World Health Organization, *World Malaria Report, 2016*.

¹⁵⁹ See A/71/881, para. 39.

¹⁶⁰ See resolution 55/2. Millennium Development Goal 6, target 6.C, called for halting and beginning to reverse the incidence of malaria by 2015.

Expressing concern about the continued morbidity, mortality and debility attributed to malaria, and recalling that more efforts are needed as countries transition from the Millennium Development Goals to the Sustainable Development Goals and focus on targets set out in the Global Technical Strategy for Malaria 2016-2030 and the Action and Investment to Defeat Malaria 2016-2030 plan to reduce malaria mortality rates by 90 per cent by 2030,

Aware that a concerted and coordinated global effort will be needed to substantially reduce malaria transmission, morbidity and mortality by 2030 and achieve the targets set in the Global Technical Strategy for Malaria 2016-2030,

Recognizing that progress can be accelerated through a multi-pronged response by expanding currently available life-saving interventions, making malaria a higher political priority and considering malaria control as an integrated part of the health system, increasing accountability, strengthening regional and cross-border collaboration, and ensuring that the development and use of new tools and approaches are maximized,

Gravely concerned about the health burden of malaria worldwide, with 212 million cases and 429,000 deaths reported in 2015 alone,¹⁵⁸ in particular in sub-Saharan Africa, where an estimated 90 per cent of the deaths occur, affecting mostly young children,

Emphasizing the importance of strengthening health systems to effectively sustain malaria control and elimination efforts and enable appropriate responses to other health issues and emergencies, including investment in entomology and vector control for human resources and infrastructures,

Acknowledging that the expansion of malaria interventions can be used as an entry point for strengthening health systems more broadly, including maternal and child health services and laboratory services, and for building stronger health information and disease surveillance systems, which will further support the effective case management of malaria,

Commending the efforts of the World Health Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund, the Roll Back Malaria Partnership, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, the World Bank and other partners to fight malaria over the years,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the World Health Organization,¹⁶¹ and calls for support for the implementation of the recommendations contained therein;
2. *Calls for* increased support for the implementation of international commitments and goals pertaining to the fight against malaria, including Goal 3, target 3.3, of the Sustainable Development Goals,¹⁶² as well as the related targets outlined in the Global Technical Strategy for Malaria 2016-2030 of the World Health Organization;¹⁵⁹
3. *Takes note with appreciation* of the Catalytic Framework to End AIDS and Tuberculosis and Eliminate Malaria in Africa by 2030 adopted by the African Union at its twenty-seventh summit, held in Kigali from 10 to 18 July 2016;
4. *Welcomes* the decision of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union at its twenty-ninth ordinary session, held in Addis Ababa on 3 and 4 July 2017, in which it endorsed the 2 million community health workers initiative and requested the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, the World Health Organization and other partners, such as the Group of 20, to support and facilitate its implementation;
5. *Encourages* malaria-endemic countries to increase the domestic resources they make available to combat the disease and to review and strengthen national strategic plans in line with technical recommendations of the World Health Organization and embed those firmly in national health sector and development plans;
6. *Calls upon* Member States, with the support of development partners, to provide universal access to existing life-saving tools for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of malaria, in particular to the package of core interventions recommended by the World Health Organization,¹⁶² and to ensure equity in access to health services

¹⁶¹ See A/71/881.

¹⁶² The package of core interventions, including quality-assured vector control, chemoprevention and diagnostic testing and treatment, can dramatically reduce morbidity and mortality (see para. 36 of the Global Technical Strategy for Malaria 2016-2030).

for all people at risk of contracting malaria, especially for the most vulnerable and hard-to-reach populations, including by strengthening cross-collaboration.¹⁶³

7. *Encourages* Member States, relevant organizations of the United Nations system, international institutions, non-governmental organizations, the private sector and civil society to continue to observe World Malaria Day on 25 April, in order to raise public awareness of and knowledge about the prevention, control and treatment of malaria as well as the importance of meeting the Sustainable Development Goals, and stresses the importance of engaging local communities in this regard;

8. *Encourages* the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Malaria to continue raising issues relating to malaria in collaboration with other United Nations organizations already working on those issues in the context of the international political and development agendas and to work with national and global leaders to intensify efforts to secure the political commitment, partnerships and funds to drastically reduce malaria deaths by at least 90 per cent by 2030 through increased access to prevention, diagnosis and treatment, especially in Africa;

9. *Acknowledges* the urgent need to optimize existing health financing in general, including support for malaria control through the use of surveillance to increase programmatic impact and efficiency, while also recognizing that funding should increase substantially if the Global Technical Strategy for Malaria 2016–2030 milestone for 2020 of 6.4 billion United States dollars per year is to be achieved;

10. *Also acknowledges* the commitments of financial support provided through multilateral and bilateral channels, and recognizes the need for a substantial increase in financial support to meet the targets of the Global Technical Strategy for Malaria 2016–2030, from an annual investment of 2.5 billion dollars in 2014 to 8.7 billion dollars by 2030;¹⁶⁴

11. *Welcomes* the commitments of financial support, while recognizing the need for additional funding to achieve malaria elimination targets, for malaria interventions and for research and development of preventive, diagnostic and control tools from the international community, through funding from multilateral and bilateral sources and from the private sector, as well as by making predictable financing available through appropriate and effective aid modalities and in-country health financing mechanisms aligned with national priorities, which are key to strengthening health systems, including malaria surveillance, and promoting universal and equitable access to high-quality malaria prevention, diagnostic and treatment services, and noting in this regard that a high level of external assistance per person at risk of contracting malaria is associated with a decrease in the incidence of the disease;

12. *Urges* the international community, United Nations agencies and private organizations and foundations to support the implementation of the Global Technical Strategy for Malaria 2016–2030, including through support for the complementary Action and Investment to Defeat Malaria 2016–2030 plan and for programmes and activities at the country level in order to achieve internationally agreed targets on malaria;

13. *Calls upon* the international community to continue to support the Roll Back Malaria Partnership and partner organizations, including the World Health Organization, the World Bank and the United Nations Children's Fund, as vital complementary sources of support for the efforts of malaria-endemic countries to combat the disease;

14. *Urges* the international community to work in a spirit of cooperation towards effective, increased, harmonized, predictable and sustained bilateral and multilateral assistance and research to combat malaria, including support for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, in order to assist States, in particular malaria-endemic countries, to implement sound national plans, in particular health plans and sanitation plans, including malaria control and elimination strategies which may include evidence-based, cost-effective and context-appropriate environmental management solutions, and integrated management of childhood illnesses, in a sustained and equitable way that, inter alia, contributes to strengthening health system development approaches at the district level;

15. *Appeals* to the malaria partners to resolve the financial, supply chain and delivery bottlenecks that are responsible for stock-outs of long-lasting insecticide-treated nets, insecticides for indoor and outdoor residual

¹⁶³ The call in the Global Malaria Programme of the World Health Organization for universal access to prevention, diagnosis and treatment, and for equity in access to services, are also key pillars of its Global Technical Strategy for Malaria 2016–2030.

spraying, rapid diagnostic tests and artemisinin-based combination therapies at the national level, whenever they occur, including through the strengthening of malaria programme management at the country level;

16. *Welcomes* the contribution to the mobilization of additional and predictable resources for development by voluntary innovative financing initiatives taken by groups of Member States, and in this regard notes the contributions of the International Drug Purchase Facility, UNTAID, the International Finance Facility for Immunization, the advance market commitments for vaccines and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, and expresses support for the work of the Leading Group on Innovative Financing for Development and its special task force on innovative financing for health;

17. *Urges* malaria-endemic countries to work towards financial sustainability, to increase national resources allocated to malaria control and to create favourable conditions for working with the private sector in order to improve access to good-quality malaria services, as well as to build on synergies with other development priorities, including the strengthening of health systems and engagement with development partners on implementing an effective vector control response,¹⁶⁴ as a contribution to the achievement of universal health coverage;

18. *Urges* Member States to assess and respond to the needs for integrated human resources at all levels of the health system in order to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, to take action, as appropriate, to effectively govern the recruitment, training and retention of skilled health personnel, and to give particular focus to the availability of skilled personnel at all levels to meet technical and operational needs as increased funding for malaria control programmes becomes available;

19. *Stresses* the importance of improved community-based systems to control malaria, bearing in mind that families are often the starting point for effective health care for a child with a fever, and encourages malaria-endemic countries to extend the reach of public health services by training and deploying community health workers, particularly in rural and remote areas, and to expand integrated community case management of malaria, pneumonia and diarrhoea, with a focus on children under 5 years of age;¹⁶⁵

20. *Affirms* that close collaboration with community leaders and implementing partners, including non-governmental organizations, health workers and volunteers, is an essential factor for success in combating malaria, and calls upon Member States to introduce integrated, people-centred community services, in coordination with health care providers in the public and private sectors, and to continue efforts to collaborate with non-governmental partners, health workers and volunteers in implementing community-based approaches to reach populations in remote and hard-to-reach areas;¹⁶⁶

21. *Calls upon* Member States to promote access to medicines, and emphasizes that access to affordable and quality medicines and medical care in the event of sickness, as well as in the prevention, treatment and control of diseases, is central to the realization of the right to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health;

22. *Urges* the international community, inter alia, to support the work of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria to enable it to meet its financial needs and, through country-led initiatives with adequate international support, to intensify access to affordable, safe and effective antimalarial treatments, including artemisinin-based combination therapies, intermittent preventive therapies for pregnant women, children under 5 and infants, adequate diagnostic facilities, long-lasting insecticide-treated mosquito nets, including, where appropriate, through the free distribution of such nets and, where appropriate, to insecticides for indoor residual spraying for malaria control, taking into account relevant international rules, including the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants¹⁶⁷ standards and guidelines;

23. *Urges* relevant international organizations, in particular the World Health Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund, to enhance the assistance efforts of national Governments to provide universal access to malaria control interventions to address all at-risk populations, in particular young children and pregnant women, in malaria-endemic countries, particularly in Africa, as rapidly as possible, with due regard to ensuring the proper use of those interventions, including long-lasting insecticide-treated nets, and sustainability through full community participation and implementation through the health system;

¹⁶⁴ See A/71/881, para. 41.

¹⁶⁵ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2256, No. 40214.

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24. *Calls upon* Member States, in particular malaria-endemic countries, with the support of the international community, to establish and/or strengthen national policies, operational plans and research, with a view to scaling up efforts to achieve internationally agreed malaria targets, in accordance with the technical recommendations of the World Health Organization;

25. *Commends* those African countries that have implemented the recommendations of the Abuja Summit in 2000 to reduce or waive taxes and tariffs for nets and other products needed for malaria control,¹⁰⁷ and encourages other countries to do the same;

26. *Calls upon* United Nations agencies and their partners to continue to provide the technical support necessary to build and enhance the capacity of Member States to implement the Global Technical Strategy for Malaria 2016–2030, together with the Action and Investment to Defeat Malaria 2016–2030 plan, to meet the internationally agreed goals;

27. *Expresses deep concern* about emerging drug and insecticide resistance in several regions of the world, calls upon Member States, with support from the World Health Organization and other partners, to implement the Global Plan for Artemisinin Resistance Containment and the Global Plan for Insecticide Resistance Management in Malaria Vectors and to strengthen and implement surveillance systems for monitoring and assessing changing patterns of drug and insecticide resistance, calls upon the World Health Organization to support Member States in the development of their national insecticide resistance management strategies and to coordinate support at the international level for countries to ensure that drug efficacy and insecticide resistance testing is fully operational in order to enhance the use of artemisinin-based combination therapies and insecticides, and stresses that the data gathered should be utilized to inform local decisions and for further research and development of safe and effective therapies and new vector control tools;

28. *Urges* all Member States to prohibit the marketing and use of oral artemisinin-based monotherapies and to replace them with oral artemisinin-based combination therapies, as recommended by the World Health Organization, and to develop the financial, legislative and regulatory mechanisms necessary to introduce artemisinin combination therapies at affordable prices in both public and private facilities;

29. *Recognizes* the importance of the development of safe, affordable and cost-effective vaccines, new medicines and diagnostics to prevent and treat malaria and the need for further and accelerated research, including into safe, effective and high-quality therapies, using rigorous standards, including by providing support to the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases,¹⁰⁸ through effective global partnerships, such as, inter alia, the various malaria vaccine initiatives and the Medicines for Malaria Venture, where necessary stimulated by new incentives to secure their development, and through effective and timely support for the pre-qualification of new antimalarials and their combinations;

30. *Also recognizes* the importance of innovation in addressing the challenges to eliminating malaria, including the role of the World Intellectual Property Organization, in particular its Re:Search platform;

31. *Calls upon* the international community, including through existing partnerships, to increase investment in and efforts towards research to optimize current tools, develop and validate new, safe and affordable malaria-related medicines, products and technologies, such as vaccines, rapid diagnostic tests, insecticides and their delivery modes, to prevent and treat malaria, especially for at-risk children and pregnant women, and test opportunities for integration in order to enhance effectiveness and delay the onset of resistance;

32. *Calls upon* malaria-endemic countries to assure favourable conditions for research institutions, including the allocation of adequate resources and the development of national policies and legal frameworks, where appropriate, with a view to, inter alia, informing policy formulation and strategic interventions on malaria;

33. *Reaffirms* the right to use, to the fullest extent, the provisions contained in the World Trade Organization Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS Agreement), the Doha Declaration on the TRIPS Agreement and Public Health, the decision of the General Council of the World Trade Organization of

¹⁰⁸ A joint programme of the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank and the World Health Organization

30 August 2003 on the implementation of paragraph 6 of the Doha Declaration on the TRIPS Agreement and Public Health, and, when formal acceptance procedures are completed, the amendment to article 31 of the Agreement, which provide flexibilities for the protection of public health, and in particular to promote access to medicines for all and to encourage the provision of assistance to developing countries in this regard, and calls for the broad and timely acceptance of the amendment to article 31 of the Agreement, as proposed by the General Council of the World Trade Organization in its decision of 6 December 2005;

34. *Recognizes* the importance in the struggle against malaria of the World Health Organization Global Strategy and Plan of Action on Public Health, Innovation and Intellectual Property, adopted by the World Health Assembly on 24 May 2008;¹⁰⁴

35. *Calls upon* malaria-endemic countries, development partners and the international community to support the timely replacement of long-lasting insecticide-treated nets in accordance with the recommendations of the World Health Organization on the service lives of the nets, in order to prevent the risk of malaria resurgence and a reversal of the gains made to date;

36. *Takes note* of the essential contribution of the scientific community and the private sector, and stresses that new products such as improved diagnostic tools, more effective medicines and vaccines, new insecticides and more durable insecticide-treated bednets are all fundamental to ensuring sustained progress in efforts to combat the disease;¹⁰⁵

37. *Calls upon* the international community to support ways to expand access to affordable, effective and safe products and treatments, such as vector control measures, including indoor residual spraying, long-lasting insecticide-treated nets, including through the free distribution of such nets, adequate diagnostic facilities, intermittent preventive therapies for pregnant women, children under 5 and infants, and artemisinin-based combination therapy for populations at risk of falciparum malaria infection in endemic countries, particularly in Africa, including through additional funds and innovative mechanisms, inter alia, for the financing and scaling up of artemisinin production and procurement, as appropriate, to meet the increased need;

38. *Recognizes* the impact of the Roll Back Malaria Partnership, and welcomes the increased level of public-private partnerships for malaria control and prevention, including the financial and in-kind contributions of private sector partners and companies operating in Africa, as well as the increased engagement of non-governmental service providers;

39. *Encourages* the producers of long-lasting insecticide-treated nets and insecticides to accelerate technology transfer to developing countries, and invites the World Bank and regional development funds to consider supporting malaria-endemic countries in establishing factories to scale up production of long-lasting insecticide-treated nets and insecticides, where appropriate;

40. *Calls upon* Member States and the international community, especially malaria-endemic countries, in accordance with existing guidelines and recommendations of the World Health Organization and the requirements of the Stockholm Convention related to the use of DDT, to become fully knowledgeable about the technical policies and strategies of the World Health Organization and the provisions of the Stockholm Convention, including for indoor residual spraying, long-lasting insecticide-treated nets and case management, intermittent preventive therapies for pregnant women, children under 5 and infants, monitoring of in vivo resistance studies to artemisinin-based combination therapies and monitoring and managing insecticide resistance and outdoor malaria transmission, as well as to increase capacity for the registration and uptake of new vector control tools, the safe, effective and judicious use of indoor residual spraying and other forms of vector control, including quality control measures, in accordance with international rules, standards and guidelines;

41. *Requests* the World Health Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund and donor agencies to provide support to those countries that choose to use DDT for indoor residual spraying so as to ensure that it is implemented in accordance with international rules, standards and guidelines, and to provide all possible support to malaria-endemic countries to manage the intervention effectively and prevent the contamination, in particular, of agricultural products with DDT and other insecticides used for indoor residual spraying;

¹⁰⁴ See A/71/881, para. 44.

42. *Recognizes* the importance of a multisectoral strategy to advance global control efforts, invites malaria-endemic countries to consider adopting and implementing the Multisectoral Action Framework for Malaria, developed by the Roll Back Malaria Partnership and the United Nations Development Programme, and encourages regional and intersectoral collaboration, both public and private, at all levels, especially in education, health, agriculture, economic development and the environment, to advance malaria control objectives;

43. *Also recognizes* the need to strengthen malaria surveillance and data quality in all endemic regions, a key pillar of the Global Technical Strategy for Malaria 2016–2030, to enable Member States to direct financial resources to populations most in need and to respond effectively to disease outbreaks;

44. *Calls upon* Member States and the international community to strengthen mechanisms for country-based coordination of technical assistance to achieve alignment of the best approaches to implement World Health Organization technical guidance and to mobilize support for the sharing and analysis of best practices to address urgent programmatic challenges, to improve monitoring and evaluation and to conduct regular financial planning and gap analysis;

45. *Encourages* sharing, across regions, of knowledge, experience and lessons learned with regard to the control and elimination of malaria, particularly between the Africa, Asia-Pacific and Latin America regions;

46. *Calls upon* the international community to support the strengthening of health systems, national pesticide and/or pharmaceutical policies and national drug and pesticide regulatory authorities, to monitor and fight against the trade in substandard and falsified medical products, such as substandard antimalarial medicines, pesticides and/or nets, and prevent their distribution and use, and to support coordinated efforts, inter alia, by providing technical assistance for compliance with existing commitments and international regulations on the use of pesticides and to improve surveillance, monitoring and evaluation systems and their alignment with national plans and systems so as to better track and report changes in coverage, the need for scaling up recommended interventions and the subsequent reductions in the burden of malaria;

47. *Encourages* Member States, the international community and all relevant actors, including the private sector, to promote the coordinated implementation and enhance the quality of malaria-related activities, in accordance with national policies and operational plans that are consistent with the technical recommendations of the World Health Organization and recent efforts and initiatives, including, where appropriate, the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, the Accra Agenda for Action, adopted at the Third High-level Forum on Aid Effectiveness, held in Accra from 2 to 4 September 2008,¹⁵⁸ and the Busan Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation, which make important contributions to the efforts of the countries that have made commitments to them, and the Nairobi outcome document of the High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation;¹⁵⁹

48. *Recognizes* the need for political commitment and financial support to sustain and expand the achievements in the struggle against malaria and to meet the international malaria targets through prevention and malaria control efforts to end the epidemic, while acknowledging the remarkable progress in combating malaria to date;

49. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in close collaboration with the Director General of the World Health Organization and in consultation with Member States, to report to the General Assembly at its seventy-second session on the implementation of the present resolution.

RESOLUTION 71/326

Adopted at the 97th plenary meeting, on 11 September 2017, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/71/L.88 and Add.1, sponsored by: Albania, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Greece, Haiti, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mauritania, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Niger, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation,

¹⁵⁸ A/63/S.19, annex.

¹⁵⁹ Resolution 64/222, annex.

San Marino, Slovenia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Viet Nam

71/326. Tackling illicit trafficking in wildlife

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the intrinsic value of biological diversity and its various contributions to sustainable development and human well-being, and recognizing that wild fauna and flora in their many beautiful and varied forms are an irreplaceable part of the natural systems of the Earth which must be protected for this generation and the generations to come,

Remaining concerned, therefore, about the increasing scale of poaching and illegal trade in wildlife and wildlife products and its adverse economic, social and environmental impacts,

Expressing serious concern over the extraordinarily detrimental levels of rhinoceros poaching and the alarmingly high levels of killings of elephants in Africa, as well as the illegal trade in other protected wildlife species, including but not limited to reptiles, tortoises, marine and freshwater turtles, sharks, ornamental fish, pangolins, great apes, parrots, raptors, the helmeted hornbill and big cats, which threaten those species with local extinction and, in some cases, with global extinction,

Underlining the need to take measures to prevent illegal timber harvesting, which leads to the decimation of rare timber species, in particular of rosewood, agarwood and sandalwood,

Recognizing that illicit trafficking in wildlife contributes to damage to ecosystems and rural livelihoods, including those based on ecotourism, undermines good governance and the rule of law and, in some cases, threatens national stability and requires enhanced transnational and regional cooperation and coordination in response,

Emphasizing that the protection of wildlife must be part of a comprehensive approach to achieving poverty eradication, food security, sustainable development, including the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, economic growth, social well-being and sustainable livelihoods,

Reaffirming its call for holistic and integrated approaches to sustainable development that will guide humanity to live in harmony with nature and lead to efforts to restore the health and integrity of the Earth's ecosystem, which will contribute the creation of a shared future based upon our common humanity,

Recognizing with concern the growth in online trade and cybercrime in the context of illegal trade in wildlife and wildlife products, which require innovative strategies and increased intergovernmental cooperation, as appropriate,

Concerned about the use of forged or illegally issued permits and certificates or the fraudulent use of authentic permits and certificates in order to misuse domestic legal markets to mask trade in illegally obtained wildlife or wildlife products, or to launder such illegally obtained wildlife or wildlife products,

Recognizing the legal framework provided by and the important role of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora¹⁷⁰ as the primary mechanism for regulating international trade in species of wild fauna and flora listed in its appendices, and in this regard welcoming the relevant resolutions and decisions adopted at the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, held in Johannesburg, South Africa, from 24 September to 5 October 2016,

Recognizing also the importance of other multilateral environmental agreements, including the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals,¹⁷¹ the Convention on Biological Diversity,¹⁷² the Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage¹⁷³ and the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat,¹⁷⁴

¹⁷⁰ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 993, No. 14537.

¹⁷¹ *Ibid.*, vol. 1651, No. 28395.

¹⁷² *Ibid.*, vol. 1760, No. 30649.

¹⁷³ *Ibid.*, vol. 1037, No. 15511.

¹⁷⁴ *Ibid.*, vol. 996, No. 14583.

Reaffirming its resolutions 69/314 of 30 July 2015 and 70/301 of 9 September 2016 on tackling illicit trafficking in wildlife,

Reaffirming also its resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", by which it adopted a comprehensive, far-reaching and people-centred set of universal and transformative Sustainable Development Goals and targets,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 2013/40 of 25 July 2013 on crime prevention and criminal justice responses to illicit trafficking in protected species of wild fauna and flora, in which the Council encouraged Member States to make illicit trafficking in protected species of wild fauna and flora involving organized criminal groups a serious crime,

Reaffirming that the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime¹⁷⁵ and the United Nations Convention against Corruption¹⁷⁶ constitute effective tools and an important part of the legal framework for international cooperation in fighting illicit trafficking in endangered species of wild fauna and flora,

Bearing in mind that the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons could be linked to illicit trafficking in wildlife, which may pose a serious threat to national and regional stability in some parts of Africa,

Recognizing the important work of the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime, a collaborative effort of the secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the World Bank and the World Customs Organization, by, inter alia, providing technical assistance to Member States,

Welcoming resolution 2/14 of 27 May 2016 of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme, on the illegal trade in wildlife and wildlife products,¹⁷⁷

Welcoming also the efforts of and cooperation between Member States, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations, as well as activities of United Nations agencies and other entities, aimed at preventing and fighting illicit trafficking in wildlife, and in this regard taking note of the Paris Declaration of 2013, the London Declaration of 2014, the Kasane Statement of 2015, the Brazzaville Declaration of 2015 and the Hanoi Statement of 2016,

Recalling its resolution 68/205 of 20 December 2013, in which it proclaimed 3 March, the day of the adoption of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, as World Wildlife Day, and welcoming the international observance of the Day since 2014 in order to celebrate and raise awareness of the world's wild fauna and flora,

Welcoming the high-level thematic discussion on the global observance of World Wildlife Day, held on 3 March 2017, which focused on tackling illicit trafficking in wildlife and protecting wild fauna and flora, as well as on the role of youth in protecting wildlife,

Recalling its resolution 71/206 of 19 December 2016 on follow-up to the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, and taking note of the importance of the Doha Declaration on Integrating Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice into the Wider United Nations Agenda to Address Social and Economic Challenges and to Promote the Rule of Law at the National and International Levels, and Public Participation, adopted by the Thirteenth Congress,¹⁷⁸

Reaffirming the role of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice as the principal policymaking body of the United Nations for crime prevention and criminal justice matters,

¹⁷⁵ Ibid., vol. 2225, No. 39574.

¹⁷⁶ Ibid., vol. 2349, No. 42146.

¹⁷⁷ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-first Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/71/25)*, annex.

¹⁷⁸ Resolution 70/174, annex.

Taking note of the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the eleventh session of the United Nations Forum on Forests on the international arrangement on "The forests we want: beyond 2015"¹⁷⁹ and of the resolution on the international arrangement on forests beyond 2015,¹⁸⁰ adopted by the Forum at its eleventh session,

Taking note also of the *World Wildlife Crime Report: Trafficking in protected species*, prepared by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in 2016,¹⁸¹

1. *Stresses its determination* to implement fully and without delay the commitments undertaken in its resolutions 69/314 and 70/301;

2. *Recognizes* the economic, social and environmental impacts of illicit trafficking in wildlife, where firm and strengthened action needs to be taken on both the supply and the demand sides, and re-emphasizes the importance, in this regard, of effective international cooperation among Member States, relevant multilateral environmental agreements and international organizations;

3. *Encourages* Member States to adopt effective measures to prevent and counter the serious problem of crimes that have an impact on the environment, such as illicit trafficking in wildlife and wildlife products, including fauna and flora as protected by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora,¹⁷⁸ and poaching;

4. *Urges* Member States to take decisive steps at the national level to prevent, combat and eradicate the illegal trade in wildlife, on both the supply and the demand sides, including by strengthening their legislation and regulations necessary for the prevention, investigation, prosecution and appropriate punishment of such illegal trade, as well as by strengthening enforcement and criminal justice responses, and to increase the exchange of information and knowledge among national authorities as well as among Member States and international crime authorities, in accordance with national legislation and international law, acknowledging that the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime can provide valuable technical assistance in this regard, including through supporting Member States in the implementation of the Wildlife and Forest Crime Analytic Toolkit, which is aimed at strengthening, where appropriate, the capacity of relevant law enforcement authorities and judiciaries in investigating, prosecuting and adjudicating wildlife-related offences;

5. *Calls upon* Member States to make illicit trafficking in protected species of wild fauna and flora a serious crime, in accordance with their national legislation and as defined in article 2 (b) and article 3, paragraph 1 (b), of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime,¹⁷⁵ in order to ensure that, where the offence is transnational in nature and involves an organized criminal group, effective international cooperation can be afforded under the Convention to prevent and combat transnational organized crime;

6. *Encourages* Member States to utilize article II, paragraph 3, of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora by listing in its appendix III protected species in their jurisdiction that may become threatened as a result of international trade, and urges Member States to provide assistance in controlling the trade in those species protected under the Convention, including those listed in appendix III;

7. *Calls upon* Member States to review and amend national legislation, as necessary and appropriate, so that offences connected to the illegal trade in wildlife are treated as predicate offences, as defined in the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, for the purposes of domestic money-laundering offences and are actionable under domestic proceeds of crime legislation, and so that assets linked to illegal trade in wildlife and wildlife products can be seized, confiscated and disposed of;

8. *Encourages* Member States to make use, to the greatest extent possible, of legal instruments available at the national level to tackle illicit trafficking in wildlife, including through legislation related to money-laundering, corruption, fraud, racketeering and financial crime;

9. *Also encourages* Member States to harmonize their judicial, legal and administrative regulations to support the exchange of evidence regarding and criminal prosecution of illicit trafficking in wildlife, as well as to establish national-level inter-agency wildlife crime task forces and facilitate the exchange of evidence between the different government agencies, to the extent consistent with national legislation;

¹⁷⁸ Economic and Social Council decision 2015/254.

¹⁷⁹ Economic and Social Council resolution 2015/33.

¹⁸¹ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.16.XI.9.

10. *Further encourages* Member States to enhance their enforcement efforts, including through recording and monitoring both seizures and successful prosecutions, in order to more effectively counter and deter the illegal trade in wildlife;

11. *Urges* Member States to engage actively in efforts to raise awareness about and address the problems and risks associated with the supply and transit of and demand for illegal wildlife products, including by improving cooperation with all relevant stakeholders, engaging consumer groups and tackling the drivers of demand, and to more effectively reduce the demand, including by using targeted and evidence-based strategies in order to influence consumer behaviour and create greater awareness of laws prohibiting illegal trade in wildlife and associated penalties;

12. *Invites* Member States to enhance the ability of developing countries to tackle illicit trafficking in wildlife, and in particular to enhance their implementation of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, by, inter alia, providing financial or technical assistance, supporting efforts to access funding through the Global Environment Facility and providing financial and in-kind resources for capacity-building activities required in this regard, including in the implementation of the resolutions and decisions adopted at the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention;

13. *Encourages* Member States to promote sustainable development in its three dimensions in an innovative, coordinated, environmentally sound, open and shared manner, which requires a comprehensive approach to protect wild fauna and flora and to combat, with determination, the illegal trade in wildlife and wildlife products;

14. *Also encourages* Member States to increase the capacity of local communities to pursue sustainable livelihood opportunities, including from their local wildlife resources, and eradicate poverty, by promoting, inter alia, innovative partnerships for conserving wildlife through shared management responsibilities, including community conservancies, public-private partnerships, sustainable tourism, revenue-sharing agreements and other income sources, such as sustainable agriculture;

15. *Further encourages* Member States to integrate measures to address illegal trade in wildlife into development policy and planning and the programming of development cooperation activities, and to further raise public awareness among individuals and communities to live sustainably in a world in which wildlife and other living species are protected;

16. *Calls upon* Member States to initiate or strengthen collaborative partnerships among local, regional, national and international development and conservation agencies so as to enhance support for community-led wildlife conservation and to promote the retention of benefits by local communities for the conservation and sustainable management of wildlife;

17. *Strongly encourages* Member States to enhance their support, including through transnational and regional cooperation, for the development of sustainable and, as appropriate, alternative livelihoods for communities affected by illicit trafficking in wildlife and its adverse impacts, with the full engagement of the communities in and adjacent to wildlife habitats as active partners in conservation and sustainable use, enhancing the rights and capacity of the members of such communities to manage and benefit from wildlife and wilderness;

18. *Also strongly encourages* Member States to participate in global, regional and national donor coordination and knowledge-sharing efforts to enhance understanding and mobilization of bilateral, multilateral and private investments to prevent and combat illegal trade in wildlife in order to collectively maximize investment effectiveness and engage new partners;

19. *Urges* Member States that have not yet done so to consider taking measures to ratify or accede to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the United Nations Convention against Corruption,¹⁷⁶ and calls upon parties to take appropriate measures to ensure the effective implementation of their obligations under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora and other relevant multilateral agreements, including by applying the agreed international guidelines established by the latter Convention for the storage, stockpiling and disposal of illicit wildlife products and contraband, as well as to consider ways to share information with one another on best practices to tackle illicit trafficking in wildlife in line with those instruments;

20. *Calls upon* Member States to prohibit, prevent and counter any form of corruption that facilitates illicit trafficking in wildlife and wildlife products, including by assessing and mitigating corruption risks in their technical assistance and capacity-building programmes related to wildlife, by strengthening their capacity to investigate and by prosecuting such corruption, calls upon parties to implement all relevant resolutions and decisions adopted at the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, and requests the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue to support Member States in this regard, upon their request;

21. *Also calls upon* Member States to ensure that legal domestic markets for wildlife products are not used to mask the trade in illegal wildlife products, and in this regard urges parties to implement the decision adopted at the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora recommending that all Governments close legal domestic ivory markets, as a matter of urgency, if these markets contribute to poaching or illegal trade;¹⁸²

22. *Encourages* Member States to take measures making permit systems more resilient to corruption and to take advantage of modern information and communications technologies for improved control of international trade in protected species of wild fauna and flora in order to prevent the use of fraudulent documents in the international trade in protected species;

23. *Recognizes* the efforts of the Group of 20 in countering corruption at both the global and the national levels, takes note with appreciation of the work at its summits held in Hangzhou, China, in 2016, and in Hamburg, Germany, in 2017, as well as its development of High-level Principles on Combatting Corruption Related to Illegal Trade in Wildlife and Wildlife Products, and urges the Group to continue to engage other States Members of the United Nations and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in its work in an inclusive and transparent manner;

24. *Also recognizes* the efforts of the African Union to prevent and reduce, with a view to eliminating, the illegal exploitation of and illegal trade in wild fauna and flora in Africa in a common coordinated response;

25. *Strongly encourages* Member States, in line with Economic and Social Council resolution 2013/40, to cooperate at the bilateral, regional and international levels to prevent, combat and eradicate international illicit trafficking in wildlife and wildlife products through, inter alia, the use of international legal instruments such as the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the United Nations Convention against Corruption;

26. *Encourages* Member States, where relevant and appropriate, to enhance cooperation for the timely and cost-efficient repatriation of live illegally traded wildlife, including eggs, consistent with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, and also, where relevant and appropriate, to enhance information-sharing among national and international authorities on the seizure of illegally traded wildlife and wildlife products in order to facilitate follow-up investigation and prosecution;

27. *Calls upon* United Nations organizations, within their respective mandates and in line with Economic and Social Council resolution 2013/40, to continue to support efforts by Member States to fight illicit trafficking in wildlife, such as through capacity-building and by supporting alternative livelihoods, and to improve cooperation with all relevant stakeholders in order to facilitate a holistic and comprehensive approach by the international community;

28. *Requests*, in this regard, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, within its mandate and resources, in line with Economic and Social Council resolution 2013/40 and in close cooperation and collaboration with Member States, to continue and to strengthen the collection of information on patterns and flows of illicit trafficking in wildlife and to report thereon biennially;

29. *Requests* the Secretary-General to further improve the coordination of activities undertaken by the specialized agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system relating to the scope of the present resolution, within their respective mandates and in line with Economic and Social Council resolution 2013/40;

30. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, taking into account Economic and Social Council resolution 2013/40, to report to the General Assembly at its seventy-third session on the global status of illicit trafficking in

¹⁸² See resolution Conf/10.10 (Rev. CoP17) on trade in elephant specimens.

wildlife, including poaching and illegal trade, and on the implementation of the present resolution, and to make proposals for possible future action, including consideration of the appointment of a special envoy to promote awareness and galvanize international action;

31. *Decides* to revisit the issue and the implementation of the present resolution on a biennial basis, beginning at its seventy-third session.

RESOLUTION 71/327

Adopted at the 97th plenary meeting, on 11 September 2017, by a recorded vote of 86 to 2, with 42 abstentions,* on the basis of draft resolution A/71/L.90, sponsored by Ecuador (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China)

* *In favour:* Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Bhutan, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zimbabwe

Against: Israel, United States of America

Abstaining: Albania, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

71/327. The United Nations in global economic governance

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 65/94 of 8 December 2010, 66/256 of 16 March 2012 and 67/289 of 9 July 2013,

Recalling also the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda and its outcome document, entitled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development",¹⁸³ and all major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social, environmental and related fields for the promotion of sustainable development and their outcomes and follow-up processes, in particular the third International Conference on Financing for Development and its outcome document, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda,¹⁸⁴ and the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development and its outcome document,¹⁸⁵ and welcoming in this regard the second Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up and its intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations,¹⁸⁶

Recalling further the Paris Agreement adopted under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,¹⁸⁷

Reaffirming its respect for the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Acknowledging the vital importance of an inclusive, transparent and effective multilateral system in order to better address the urgent global challenges of today, recognizing the universality of the United Nations, and reaffirming its commitment to promote and strengthen the effectiveness and efficiency of the United Nations system,

¹⁸³ Resolution 70/1.

¹⁸⁴ Resolution 69/313, annex.

¹⁸⁵ Resolution 63/303, annex.

¹⁸⁶ See E/11/Df/2017/3.

¹⁸⁷ See UCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1, decision LCP.21, annex.

Reaffirming the role and authority of the General Assembly on global matters of concern to the international community, as set out in the Charter,

Acknowledging that the United Nations, particularly the General Assembly, provides a universal and inclusive multilateral forum which confers incomparable value to its discussions and its decisions on global matters of concern to the international community,

Recognizing the need to deal with interconnected socioeconomic challenges, promote sustained, inclusive and equitable growth and strengthen mechanisms that reduce inequalities in order to achieve sustainable development,

Acknowledging that global economic governance in an increasingly interconnected world is of critical importance for the success of national efforts for achieving sustainable development in all countries, and that, while efforts have been made over the years, there remains the need to continue improving global economic governance and to strengthen the role of the United Nations in this regard with extensive consultations and joint contribution for the shared benefits,

Concerned about addressing the effects of the world financial and economic crisis so as to avoid its recurrence and continue to promote the global economic stability and underlying institutional reforms required to ensure sustained, inclusive and equitable global economic growth for the benefit of all countries,

Reiterating the important role of the regional commissions and the regional and subregional development banks in supporting policy dialogue among countries at the regional level on macroeconomic, financial, trade and development issues and the importance of other regional, interregional and subregional initiatives and arrangements, including integration processes, aimed at promoting development and cooperation among their members,

Noting the critical importance of the ongoing efforts of multilateral institutions, particularly those of the United Nations system, to find common solutions to global challenges and the relevance of intergovernmental groupings that make policy recommendations or take policy decisions with global implications, and recognizing the benefits derived from increased interaction with those groupings, with a view to promoting transparency and coherence and strengthening mutual understanding and cooperation in matters of global economic governance,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;¹⁸⁸
2. *Reiterates* the need for inclusive, transparent and effective multilateral approaches to managing global challenges, and in this regard reaffirms the central role of the United Nations system in ongoing efforts to find common solutions to such challenges, in the spirit of win-win cooperation, and to create a community of shared future for humankind, based upon our common humanity;
3. *Recognizes* the important role of the United Nations in providing an intergovernmental forum, including through international conferences and summits, for universal dialogue and consensus on global challenges, with the participation of relevant stakeholders, including from the private sector, civil society and academia;
4. *Reaffirms* the central position of the General Assembly as the chief deliberative, policymaking and representative organ of the United Nations, as well as the role of the Assembly in global matters of concern to the international community, as set out in the Charter of the United Nations;
5. *Also reaffirms* the value of multilateralism to the global trading system and the commitment to achieving a universal, rules-based, open, non-discriminatory and equitable multilateral trading system under the World Trade Organization that contributes to growth, sustainable development and employment generation in all sectors, emphasizes that bilateral and regional trading arrangements should contribute and be complementary to the goals of the multilateral trading system, and looks forward to the Eleventh Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization, to be held in Buenos Aires from 10 to 13 December 2017, and its outcome;
6. *Recognizes* the need to continue to enhance the coherence and consistency of the international monetary, financial and trading systems and the importance of ensuring their openness, fairness and inclusiveness as complements to national development efforts to ensure sustained, inclusive and equitable economic growth and the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Sustainable Development Goals;

¹⁸⁸ A/71/378.

7. *Reaffirms* the importance of broadening and strengthening the participation of developing countries in international economic decision-making and norm-setting, notes in this regard the important steps taken on the reform of the governance structures, quotas and voting rights of the Bretton Woods institutions, which go in the direction of better reflecting current realities and enhancing the voice, the participation and the voting rights of developing countries, and recognizes the importance of continuing such reform processes in an ambitious and expeditious manner in order to deliver more effective, credible, accountable and legitimate institutions;

8. *Recognizes* the importance and benefits of continuing interaction among the United Nations, in particular the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, and international and regional forums, organizations and groups dealing with global matters of concern to the international community, as appropriate, and underlines in this context the importance of flexible and regular interaction between the United Nations and intergovernmental groupings that make policy recommendations or take policy decisions with global implications, including the Group of 20;

9. *Welcomes* the practice of informal engagement between the United Nations and intergovernmental groupings that make policy recommendations or take policy decisions with global implications, including the Group of 20, through informal briefings organized at the initiative of the President of the General Assembly, and in this regard invites the President to continue this practice by inviting appropriate representatives to an interactive dialogue with the membership of the Assembly in order to ensure continuity in their engagement, with a view to promoting transparency and coherence as well as strengthening mutual understanding and cooperation in matters of global economic governance;

10. *Recognizes* the importance of the interaction between the Secretary-General and the States members of the General Assembly regarding the participation of the Secretary-General in summits of intergovernmental groupings that make policy recommendations or take policy decisions with global implications, including the summits of the Group of 20, and invites the President of the General Assembly to continue to organize informal meetings for that purpose;

11. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-third session, under the item entitled "Strengthening of the United Nations system", the sub-item entitled "Central role of the United Nations system in global governance", to be considered thereafter on a biennial basis;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-third session a report on the implementation of the present resolution, including concrete options for closer interaction between the United Nations and intergovernmental groupings, to be prepared in consultation with Member States and relevant organizations of the United Nations system, taking into account the Sustainable Development Goals and the follow-up processes to all major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields, as appropriate.

RESOLUTION 71/328

Adopted at the 97th plenary meeting, on 11 September 2017, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/71/L.86 and Add 1, sponsored by: Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Djibouti, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, France, Gabon, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Indonesia, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mauntania, Mexico, Monaco, Morocco, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam.

71/328. Multilingualism

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that multilingualism, as a core value of the Organization, contributes to the achievement of the goals of the United Nations, as set out in Article 1 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing also that the United Nations pursues multilingualism as a means of promoting, protecting and preserving diversity of languages and cultures globally, as well as of improving the efficiency, performance and transparency of the Organization,

Recognizing further, in this regard, that genuine multilingualism promotes unity in diversity and international understanding, tolerance and dialogue, and recognizing the importance of the capacity to communicate to the

peoples of the world in their own languages, including in formats accessible to persons with disabilities, by contributing to the ownership and sustainability of the actions of the United Nations.

Stressing the need for strict observance of the resolutions and rules establishing language arrangements for the different bodies and organs of the United Nations,

Recalling that Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish are both the official and the working languages of the General Assembly, including its committees and subcommittees,¹⁸⁹ and of the Security Council,¹⁹⁰ that Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish are the official languages and English, French and Spanish the working languages of the Economic and Social Council¹⁹¹ and that English and French are the working languages of the Secretariat,¹⁹²

Emphasizing the importance of multilingualism in the activities of the United Nations,

Recognizing the contribution of multilingualism in promoting international peace and security, development and human rights, through the work of the United Nations departments and offices,

Reaffirming its resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", and reaffirming its unwavering commitment to achieving the 2030 Agenda and utilizing it to transform our world for the better by 2030,

Recalling its resolution 47/135 of 18 December 1992, by which it adopted the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities, and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,¹⁹³ in particular article 27 thereof, concerning the rights of persons belonging to ethnic, religious or linguistic minorities,

Recalling also the decision taken by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on 17 November 1999 that 21 February should be proclaimed International Mother Language Day,

Recalling further its resolutions 2 (I) of 1 February 1946, 2480 B (XXIII) of 21 December 1968, 42/207 C of 11 December 1987 and 50/11 of 2 November 1995 and other subsequent resolutions relating to multilingualism, including resolutions 69/324 of 11 September 2015, 71/101 A and B of 6 December 2016, 71/262 and 71/263 of 23 December 2016, 71/288 of 24 May 2017 and 71/314 of 19 July 2017,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;¹⁹⁴

I

Multilingualism in general and the role of the Secretariat

2. *Emphasizes* the paramount importance of the equality of the six official languages of the United Nations;

3. *Underlines* the need for the full implementation of all resolutions establishing language arrangements for the official languages of the United Nations and the working languages of the Secretariat;

4. *Also underlines* the responsibility of the Secretariat in integrating multilingualism into its activities, from within existing resources, on an equitable basis;

5. *Notes* that the availability of United Nations documents in relevant official languages is limited in some areas of Secretariat activity, and therefore invites the Secretary-General to take the appropriate measures to implement, within existing resources, current multilingualism policies, in compliance with relevant rules and regulations;

¹⁸⁹ Rule 51 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

¹⁹⁰ Rule 41 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council.

¹⁹¹ Rule 32 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

¹⁹² See resolution 2 (I), annex.

¹⁹³ See resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

¹⁹⁴ A/71/757.

6. *Notes in particular* that a high proportion of calls for bids are published only in English, and therefore encourages the Secretariat, where appropriate, to make use of existing multilingualism policies to facilitate the participation of local vendors in the United Nations procurement bidding process;

7. *Notes with concern* that the English version of the Procurement Manual is from July 2013 while the French and Spanish versions are from March 2010, and encourages the Secretariat to continue its efforts to ensure that the Procurement Manual is up to date;

8. *Welcomes* the appointment by the Secretary-General of the Coordinator for Multilingualism, who is responsible for the overall implementation of multilingualism Secretariat-wide, calls upon all departments and offices within the Secretariat to fully support the work of the Coordinator in the implementation of the relevant mandates on multilingualism, and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon in his next report on multilingualism;

9. *Endorses* the terms of reference for the Coordinator for Multilingualism, as proposed in the report of the Secretary-General on multilingualism;¹⁹⁵

10. *Recalls* that the Secretary-General retains the authority to appoint a senior Secretariat official as the future Coordinator for Multilingualism, as first requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 54/64 of 6 December 1999;

11. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to continue to develop the network of focal points that supports the Coordinator for Multilingualism in effectively and consistently implementing relevant resolutions throughout all relevant departments and offices of the Secretariat, and invites the Secretary-General, through his role in the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, if necessary by means of the development of a consistent policy framework, to support a comprehensive and coordinated approach on multilingualism within the United Nations system, taking into consideration the relevant recommendations contained in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on multilingualism;¹⁹⁶

12. *Notes* the difficulties reported by departments and offices in compiling input for the report of the Secretary-General owing to the lack of disaggregated data by language, and encourages the Secretary-General to support the efforts of the Coordinator for Multilingualism to develop a template, where applicable, for collecting disaggregated data by language;

13. *Welcomes* the implementation, within the United Nations, of a day dedicated to each of the official languages in order to inform and raise awareness of their history, culture and use, encourages the Secretary-General to further strengthen this approach in a cost-neutral manner, if needed through the participation of partner organizations, including Member States and institutions such as the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and also encourages the Secretary-General to consider extending this important initiative to other non-official languages spoken throughout the world;

14. *Also welcomes* the efforts made by international organizations based on a shared language to increase their cooperation with the United Nations regarding multilingualism;

15. *Further welcomes* the activities of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Member States, entities of the United Nations system, other international organizations and all other participating bodies aimed at fostering respect for and the promotion and protection of all languages, in particular endangered ones, linguistic diversity and multilingualism;

16. *Reaffirms* that linguistic diversity is an important element of cultural diversity, stresses the importance of the full and effective implementation of the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions,¹⁹⁷ which entered into force on 18 March 2007, and recalls the Recommendation concerning the Promotion and Use of Multilingualism and Universal Access to Cyberspace of 15 October 2003;¹⁹⁸

¹⁹⁵ Ibid., annex II.

¹⁹⁶ A/67/78.

¹⁹⁷ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2440, No. 43977.

¹⁹⁸ United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Records of the General Conference, Thirty-second Session, Paris, 29 September–17 October 2003*, vol. 1, *Resolutions*, sect. IV, resolution 41, annex.

II

Role of the Department of Public Information in multilingualism

17. *Reaffirms* that the primary mission of the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat is to provide, through its outreach activities, accurate, impartial, comprehensive, balanced, timely, relevant and multilingual information to the public on the tasks and responsibilities of the United Nations in order to strengthen international support for the activities of the Organization with the greatest transparency;

18. *Emphasizes* the importance of making use of all the official languages of the United Nations, ensuring their full and equitable treatment in all the activities of the Department of Public Information, with the aim of eliminating the disparity between the use of English and the use of the five other official languages, and in this regard reaffirms its request that the Secretary-General ensure that the Department has the necessary staffing capacity in all the official languages to undertake all its activities;

19. *Also emphasizes* the role of the Department of Public Information in building support for international peace and security, development and human rights for all and the contribution of multilingualism in achieving these goals;

20. *Welcomes* the ongoing efforts of the Department of Public Information to enhance multilingualism in all its activities, and stresses the importance of ensuring that the texts of all new public United Nations documents in all six official languages, information materials and all older United Nations documents are made available through the United Nations websites and are accessible to Member States without delay;

21. *Encourages* the Department of Public Information to continue to use other languages in addition to the official languages, when appropriate, according to the targeted audience, with a view to reaching the widest possible spectrum of audiences and extending the United Nations message to all the corners of the world in order to strengthen international support for the activities of the Organization;

22. *Welcomes* the work done by the network of United Nations information centres, including the United Nations Regional Information Centre, in favour of the publication of United Nations information materials and the translation of important documents into languages other than the official languages of the United Nations, encourages the information centres to continue their important multilingual activities in the interactive and proactive aspects of their work and to develop web pages in local languages, and the Department of Public Information to provide the necessary resources and technical facilities, with a view to reaching the widest possible spectrum of audiences and extending the United Nations message to all corners of the world in order to strengthen international support for the activities of the Organization, and encourages the continuation of efforts in this regard;

23. *Emphasizes* the importance of the network of United Nations information centres in enhancing the public image of the United Nations, in disseminating messages on the United Nations to local populations, especially in developing countries, bearing in mind that information in local languages has the strongest impact on local populations, and in mobilizing support for the work of the United Nations at the local level;

24. *Welcomes* the sustained effort to disseminate information globally by the use of official and non-official languages and traditional means of communication, and in this regard expresses its particular appreciation for the work currently being carried out by United Nations Radio in the six official languages, as well as in non-official languages;

25. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to ensure that, in view of their income-generating nature, guided tours at United Nations Headquarters are consistently available in all six official languages of the United Nations;

26. *Welcomes* the initiative of the Secretary-General to also offer guided tours at United Nations Headquarters in non-official languages;

27. *Notes with interest* the cost-neutral initiatives of the Secretariat to produce publications in official and non-official languages, to increase the volume of translated publications and to encourage a multilingual acquisition policy for the libraries of the United Nations, and requests the Secretariat to continue those initiatives;

28. *Welcomes* the creation of the United Nations digital library, which provides multilingual content, and encourages the United Nations libraries to continue to take into consideration the importance of multilingualism in their activities;

29. *Notes with appreciation* the efforts of the Department of Public Information to work at the local level with other organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to enhance the coordination of their communications activities, and urges the Department to encourage the United Nations Communications Group to promote linguistic diversity in its work;

30. *Recalls* paragraph 65 of its resolution 71/101 B, and encourages the Department of Public Information to prioritize the development of collaborative arrangements for the digitization of the audiovisual archives of the United Nations while preserving their multilingual character in a cost-neutral manner;

31. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to exert all efforts to ensure that publications and other information services of the Secretariat, including the United Nations website and the United Nations News Service, contain comprehensive, balanced, objective and equitable information in all official languages about the issues before the Organization and that they maintain editorial independence, impartiality, accuracy and full consistency with resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly;

III

Websites and other web-based communication tools

32. *Reaffirms* that the United Nations website is an essential tool for Member States, the media, non-governmental organizations, educational institutions and the general public;

33. *Also reaffirms* the need to achieve full parity among the six official languages on all United Nations websites, welcomes in this regard the realization of the comprehensive review of the United Nations websites by the Secretary-General, including content discrepancies among the official languages, notes with appreciation the innovative ideas, potential synergies and other cost-neutral measures proposed in the report of the Secretary-General on multilingualism¹⁹⁴ to achieve full parity among the six official languages, and requests the Secretary-General to present an updated version of the review in his next report;

34. *Welcomes* the realization of the comprehensive review of the United Nations websites by the Secretary-General, presenting the status of content in non-official languages, notes with appreciation the innovative ideas, potential synergies and other cost-neutral measures proposed in the report of the Secretary-General on multilingualism to reinforce the broader multilingual development and enrichment of the United Nations websites, as appropriate, and requests the Secretary-General to present an updated version of this review in his next report;

35. *Recalls* paragraph 29 of its resolution 69/324, notes with concern the disparity between the English and the non-English languages on the websites maintained by the Secretariat, urges the Secretary-General to lead the efforts of all offices and departments of the Secretariat to take concrete action to address such uneven development, and in this regard calls upon all stakeholders, including the Department of Public Information, content-providing offices and departments, in particular the Office of Information and Communications Technology of the Secretariat, to continue their collaboration, within their respective mandates, so as to achieve full parity among the six official languages on all United Nations websites developed and maintained by all Secretariat entities, in full conformance with the principles of multilingualism and in compliance with the relevant resolutions addressing multilingualism and accessibility for persons with disabilities, by making every effort to translate materials currently available only in English and by providing offices and departments with technological solutions that comply with the principle of parity, from within existing resources;

36. *Urges* the Secretary-General to strengthen his efforts to develop, maintain and update multilingual United Nations websites and the web page of the Secretary-General in all the official languages of the United Nations, from within existing resources and on an equitable basis;

37. *Reaffirms its request* that the Secretary-General ensure, while maintaining an up-to-date and accurate website, the equitable distribution of financial and human resources within the Department of Public Information allocated to the United Nations website among all six official languages, with full respect for the needs and specificities of all six languages;

38. *Encourages* the continuation of the live webcasts of public meetings of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council and their respective subsidiary bodies, as well as of the public meetings of the Security Council, with interpretation services, and requests the Secretariat to make every effort to provide full access to archived videos in all official languages of all past open formal United Nations meetings with interpretation

services, in strict observance of the principle of full parity of the six official languages of the United Nations, in order to promote transparency and accountability within the Organization;

39. *Notes with concern* that the multilingual development and enrichment of the United Nations website in certain official languages has improved at a much slower rate than expected, and in this regard requests the Department of Public Information, in coordination with content-providing offices, to advance actions to achieve full parity among the six official languages on the United Nations website, in particular by expediting the filling of vacant posts in some sections;

40. *Takes note* of section III.A of the report of the Secretary-General, requests the Secretary-General to continue his ongoing efforts in this regard, and urges all content-providing offices in the Secretariat to strengthen their efforts to translate into all official languages all English-language materials and databases posted on the United Nations website in the most practical, efficient and cost-effective manner, from within existing resources;

41. *Requests* the Department of Public Information, in cooperation with the Office of Information and Communications Technology, to continue its efforts to ensure that technological infrastructures and supportive applications fully support Latin, non-Latin and bidirectional scripts in order to enhance the equality of all official languages on the United Nations website;

42. *Welcomes* the cooperative arrangements undertaken by the Department of Public Information with academic institutions to increase the number of web pages available in official and non-official languages, and requests the Secretary-General, in coordination with content-providing offices, to extend such cooperative arrangements, in a cost-effective manner, to all the official languages of the United Nations, bearing in mind the necessity of adherence to United Nations standards and guidelines;

43. *Underlines* the importance, in the implementation of new communication tools, such as social networks, of taking into account the linguistic dimension in order to assure full parity among the official languages of the Organization;

44. *Urges* the Secretariat to keep iSeek up to date in the two working languages of the Secretariat, to continue its efforts to implement iSeek at all duty stations and to develop and implement cost-neutral measures to provide Member States with secure access to the information currently accessible only on the Intranet of the Secretariat;

IV

Documentation and conference services

45. *Reiterates its request* that Secretary-General complete the task of uploading all important older United Nations documents to the United Nations website in all six official languages on a priority basis so that those archives are also made available to Member States through that medium;

46. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to ensure, through the provision of documentation services and meetings and publishing services under conference management, including high-quality translation and interpretation, effective multilingual communication equally in all the official languages of the United Nations among representatives of Member States in intergovernmental organs and among members of United Nations expert bodies;

47. *Reiterates with concern its request* that the Secretary-General ensure that the rules concerning the simultaneous distribution of documents in all six official languages are strictly respected as regards both the distribution of printed copies and the posting of parliamentary documentation on the Official Document System and the United Nations website, in accordance with section III, paragraph 5, of its resolution 55/222 of 23 December 2000;

48. *Reiterates* the need to fully implement and observe rule 55 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, which provides that, during the sessions of the Assembly, the *Journal of the United Nations* shall be published in the languages of the Assembly, from within existing resources;

49. *Underlines* that all the initiatives on the evolution of the working methods, including those introduced on a trial basis, shall comply with the principle of parity among the official languages of the Organization, with a view to preserving or enhancing the quality and scope of the services provided by the Secretariat;

V

Human resources management and staff training

50. *Recalls* its resolution 71/263, in particular paragraph 10 thereof, in which it reaffirmed the need to respect the equality of the two working languages of the Secretariat, reaffirmed the use of additional working languages in specific duty stations as mandated, and in that regard requested the Secretary-General to ensure that job openings specified the need for either of the working languages of the Secretariat, unless the functions of the post required a specific working language;

51. *Notes with satisfaction* the willingness of the Secretariat to encourage staff members, in meetings with interpretation services, to use any of the six official languages of which they have a command;

52. *Encourages* United Nations staff members to continue to actively use existing training facilities to acquire and enhance their proficiency in one or more of the official languages of the United Nations;

53. *Welcomes* the invitation of the Secretary-General to all the entities of the Secretariat to build an inventory of staff language skills, while making the best use of existing language databases, and encourages the Office of Human Resources Management of the Secretariat to support these efforts, in collaboration with the Coordinator for Multilingualism, including by taking into account language skills in the implementation of the mobility policy, as requested in its resolution 69/324;

54. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue the efforts to ensure that training opportunities in the six official languages are equally available to all staff;

55. *Recalls* paragraph 11 of its resolution 71/263, in which it acknowledged that the interaction of the United Nations with the local population in the field was essential and that language skills constituted an important element of the selection and training processes and therefore affirmed that a good command of the official language(s) spoken in the country of residence should be taken into account as an additional asset during those processes;

56. *Also recalls* its resolution 68/265 of 9 April 2014 on the mobility framework, and invites the Secretary-General to take into account applicable language skills while ensuring full compliance with Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations;

57. *Invites* the Secretary-General to include in senior managers' compacts a managerial indicator related to multilingualism, which assures the issuance of official documentation to intergovernmental bodies and General Assembly committees in the six official languages, where applicable;

58. *Stresses* that the employment of staff shall continue to be carried out in strict accordance with Article 101 of the Charter and in line with the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions;

59. *Notes with concern* that a number of recruitment handbooks developed by the Office of Human Resources Management are available only in English, and encourages the Secretary-General to ensure that upcoming reviews and updates, in particular those of the applicant's manual, are published simultaneously in the working languages;

60. *Invites* the Secretary-General to ensure compliance with the requirement for United Nations staff to have the ability to use one of the working languages of the Secretariat, and encourages the Secretary-General to further the implementation of resolution 2480 B (XXIII);

61. *Takes note* of the announcement of the forthcoming collaboration between the Coordinator for Multilingualism and the Office of Human Resources Management to assist in the development of guidelines supporting hiring managers in setting language requirements in job openings that meet the needs of the Organization;

62. *Also takes note* of the decision of the Management Committee to request the Office of Human Resources Management to review language skills assessment during the staff selection process, invites the Secretary-General to take the appropriate measures to consider the linguistic specificities mentioned in job openings during the composition of interview panels, and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon during the seventy-third session of the General Assembly;

63. *Invites* the Secretary-General to take the appropriate measures to consider the linguistic specificities mentioned in job openings during the composition of interview panels for the employment of United Nations staff;

64. *Stresses* that the promotion of staff in the Professional and higher categories shall be carried out in strict accordance with Article 101 of the Charter and in line with the provisions of resolution 2480 B (XXIII) and the relevant provisions of resolution 55/258 of 14 June 2001;

VI

Language services staff

65. *Recalls* its resolution 66/233 of 24 December 2011, in particular paragraph 7 of section III thereof, reiterates its request that the Secretary-General ensure that all language services are given equal treatment and are provided with equally favourable working conditions and resources, with a view to achieving maximum quality of services, with full respect for the specificities of the six official languages, and in that regard recalls section D, paragraph 11, of its resolution 54/248 of 23 December 1999;

66. *Acknowledges* the measures taken by the Secretary-General, in accordance with its resolutions, to address the issue of the replacement of retiring staff in the language services, and requests the Secretary-General to maintain and to intensify those efforts, including through the strengthening of cooperation with institutions that train language specialists to meet the needs in the six official languages of the United Nations;

VII

Multilingualism across the three pillars of the United Nations

67. *Notes* the work of the Secretary-General in making available multilingual information, technical assistance and training materials related to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,¹⁹⁹ and encourages the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in this regard;

68. *Takes note* of the recommendations related to multilingualism contained in the report of the High-level Independent Panel on Peace Operations,²⁰⁰ the subsequent report of the Secretary-General²⁰¹ and the report of the Advisory Group of Experts on the Review of the Peacebuilding Architecture;²⁰²

69. *Recognizes* the contribution of the Language and Communications Programme to promoting multilingualism within the United Nations, encourages the Secretariat to continue to cooperate closely, from within existing resources, to support the language learning needs of staff in the field, and requests the Secretary-General to provide further information in this regard at the seventy-third session of the General Assembly;

70. *Stresses* the importance of proposing United Nations information, technical assistance and training materials, whenever possible, in the local languages of the beneficiary countries, including through locally based United Nations websites;

71. *Recalls* its resolution 71/314, in which it endorsed the proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations;²⁰³

72. *Takes note* of the ongoing initiatives outlined in the report of the Secretary-General related to field operations, requests the Secretary-General to continue his ongoing efforts in this regard, and recalls its resolution 66/297 of 17 September 2012 without prejudice to Article 101 of the Charter;

73. *Urges* the Secretariat to translate all peacekeeping training documents into the six official languages of the United Nations, from within existing resources, to enable and facilitate their use by all Member States, troop-contributing countries and police-contributing countries, in particular, and by other involved institutions;

74. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-third session a comprehensive report on the full implementation of its resolutions on multilingualism;

¹⁹⁹ Resolution 70/1.

²⁰⁰ See A/70/95-S/2015/446.

²⁰¹ A/70/357-S/2015/682.

²⁰² See A/69/968-S/2015/490.

²⁰³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-first Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/71/19), chap. V.*

75. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-third session the item entitled "Multilingualism".

RESOLUTION 71/329

Adopted at the 97th plenary meeting, on 11 September 2017, without a vote, on the basis of draft resolution A/71/L.87 and Add.1, sponsored by Antigua and Barbuda, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Brazil, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Canada, Denmark, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Greece, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Maldives, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nauru, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Portugal, Romania, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Singapore, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Zimbabwe.

71/329. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 46/8 of 16 October 1991 and all its subsequent resolutions on cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community, including its resolution 69/265 of 16 January 2015,

Bearing in mind the provisions of Chapter VIII of the Charter of the United Nations on the existence of regional arrangements or agencies for dealing with such matters relating to the maintenance of international peace and security as are appropriate for regional action and other activities consistent with the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Welcoming the continued commitment of the States members of the Caribbean Community to the United Nations as a principal forum for multilateral cooperation,

Recalling the cooperation agreement between the secretariats of the United Nations and the Caribbean Community,²⁰⁴ and bearing in mind the cooperation activities undertaken pursuant to that agreement,

Emphasizing the continued importance of regular engagements between the two organizations, including contacts between the Secretary-General of the United Nations and Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community, and also between the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Caribbean Community, with a view to reinforcing cooperation and collaboration,

Noting, in this connection, the eighth general meeting between representatives of the Caribbean Community and the United Nations system, held in Georgetown in July 2015 to review the progress made in implementing the coordination mechanism led by the United Nations Development Group for Latin America and the Caribbean and to discuss issues identified as priorities by the Caribbean Community secretariat, in line with the Community strategic plan for the period 2015–2019, including regional integration, macroeconomic stabilization, building competitiveness for growth and employment generation, inclusive growth, human capital development, advancing health and wellness, citizen security and justice, climate adaptation and greenhouse gas mitigation, disaster mitigation and management, information and communications technology, and public education, public information and advocacy,

Noting also the recently concluded ninth general meeting between representatives of the Caribbean Community and the United Nations system, held in New York on 20 and 21 July 2017 to further review progress in the implementation of the coordination mechanism and to examine other areas of cooperation, taking into consideration recent developments of significance to small island developing States, including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,²⁰⁵ the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development,²⁰⁶ the Paris Agreement adopted under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,²⁰⁷ the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030,²⁰⁸ the New Urban Agenda adopted in

²⁰⁴ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1978, No. 1197.

²⁰⁵ Resolution 70/1.

²⁰⁶ Resolution 69/313, annex.

²⁰⁷ See FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1, decision 1/CP.21, annex.

²⁰⁸ Resolution 69/283, annex II.

Quito by the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) in 2016²⁰⁰ and the call for action adopted by the United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.²⁰¹

Remaining deeply concerned about new and persistent challenges, including the impact of de-risking on financial institutions in the Caribbean, onerous debt, graduation from access to concessionary development funding, the lack of access to energy and sustainable modern energy services, crime and violence, the illicit trade in drugs and arms, the threat of terrorism and extreme violence, the fight against non-communicable diseases, food insecurity, and the adverse effects of climate change, including slow-onset natural disasters, all of which have increased the vulnerabilities and seriously worsened the challenges for the sustainable development efforts of the States members of the Caribbean Community,

Underscoring the unique and particular vulnerabilities of small island developing States and the global commitment to take urgent and concrete action to address those vulnerabilities, including through the sustained and effective implementation of the outcome documents of the international conferences on small island developing States and their follow-up, namely, the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,²⁰² the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States²⁰³ and the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway,²⁰⁴

Acknowledging the support that States members of the Caribbean Community have received from the United Nations and the continued need for that support in their efforts to advance the implementation of the agreed outcomes of the international conferences on small island developing States and of other internationally agreed outcomes,

Recalling the ongoing recovery of Haiti from the devastating earthquake of 12 January 2010 and subsequent tropical storms and hurricanes that have caused significant loss of life and widespread damage, and stressing the urgent need for renewed and sustained attention to the critical situation in Haiti and to fulfil the pledges made to assist Haiti in its long-term recovery and sustainable development initiatives,

Recalling also its resolutions 71/161 A of 16 December 2016 and 71/161 B of 13 July 2017, in which it reaffirmed the new United Nations approach to cholera in Haiti, including the establishment of the United Nations Haiti cholera response multi-partner trust fund, and noting the decision of the Security Council to establish a follow-on peacekeeping mission in Haiti, the United Nations Mission for Justice Support in Haiti,

Noting with appreciation the ongoing collaboration, consultations and information exchanges that have taken place among the United Nations, the Caribbean Community and the States members of the Community aimed at strengthening cooperation and regional capacity in a broad range of areas, such as sustainable development, non-communicable diseases, drugs and crime, statistics, free and fair elections, plant and animal health, and food safety, among others,

Affirming the need to further expand and deepen the cooperation that already exists between the Caribbean Community and the United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, including in the areas of governance, information and communications technology for development, public information and institutional reforms, so as to enhance coherence and effectiveness in the partnership among the United Nations, the Caribbean Community and the States members of the Community,

Convinced of the need for the coordinated utilization of available resources to promote the common objectives of the two organizations,

²⁰⁰ Resolution 71/256, annex.

²⁰¹ See resolution 71/312, annex.

²⁰² *Report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Bridgetown, Barbados, 23 April–6 May 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.I.18 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution I, annex II.

²⁰³ *Report of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Port Louis, Mauritius, 10–14 January 2005* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.05.II.A.4 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution I, annex II.

²⁰⁴ Resolution 69/315, annex.

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations,²² in particular paragraphs 40 to 49 on the Caribbean Community, concerning efforts to strengthen and deepen cooperation;
2. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in association with the Secretary-General of the Caribbean Community, as well as the relevant regional organizations, to continue to assist in furthering the development and maintenance of peace and security within the Caribbean region;
3. *Notes* the recent engagements between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community, in particular, the agreements signed by the Community secretariat and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and by the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency and the Caribbean Public Health Agency with the International Atomic Energy Agency;
4. *Also notes* the recently concluded ninth general meeting between the representatives of the Caribbean Community and the United Nations system;
5. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Caribbean Community to continue their cooperation and to enhance coherence in their engagement, within their respective mandates, so as to increase the capacity of the two organizations to attain their objectives and to seek answers to global challenges, including climate change, disaster risk reduction and sustainable development challenges, including poverty and inequality, de-risking, non-communicable diseases, transnational organized crime and terrorism;
6. *Calls upon* the United Nations and the specialized agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system, bearing in mind the particular vulnerabilities of the States members of the Caribbean Community, to intensify their assistance to those States to enable them to address the diverse challenges that these vulnerabilities pose to achieving sustainable development, including through the sustained and effective implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,²³ the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,²⁴ the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway,²⁵ the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,²⁶ the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development,²⁷ the Paris Agreement adopted under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,²⁸ the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030²⁹ and the New Urban Agenda adopted by the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) in Quito in 2016,³⁰ and through the implementation of the strategic objectives of the Community;
7. *Highlights* the support that the United Nations Environment Programme has been extending for the implementation of environmental and sustainable development programmes of the Caribbean Community and for the building of capacity to enable effective regional responses to climate change, and further encourages continued collaboration with the Community as well as related regional and national institutions;
8. *Encourages* the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to continue to work closely with the Caribbean Community secretariat on the implementation of the Regional Food and Nutrition Strategy of the Community and in the development of value chains identified by the Community Council for Trade and Economic Development through technical cooperation programmes;
9. *Notes with appreciation* the partnership between UN-Women and the Caribbean Community in the development of the Community Gender Equality Indicators Model to monitor gender equality commitments in the Sustainable Development Goals;
10. *Acknowledges* the support of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat extended to the Caribbean Community to strengthen capacity to formulate, monitor and evaluate evidence-based policies on youth using internationally agreed indicators, as well as through the preparation of a regional eGovernment strategy for the Caribbean and a conceptual framework on eGovernment for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the Caribbean small island developing States, and encourages continued support to the States members of the Community in furthering the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

²² A/71/668/2016/21

11. *Emphasizes* the active cooperation existing between the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the Caribbean Community, including, in particular, supporting the region's preparation for major conferences, improving the capacity of the Community in gathering and analysing data and in deepening its analysis of the intraregional and external trade of the Community, as well as in elaborating on the concept of vulnerability in the context of the graduation of some of its member States, and further encourages continued cooperation with the Community and its member States;

12. *Notes* the instrumental role of the United Nations Development Programme in establishing a working group, comprising the World Bank, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development and the Commonwealth, to examine the issue of vulnerability;

13. *Expresses appreciation* for the robust partnership arrangements among the Caribbean Community, the World Health Organization and the Pan American Health Organization in addressing non-communicable diseases, and commends the valuable supportive role being played by the World Health Organization and the Pan American Health Organization through the provision of technical and other resources to the Community in the operationalization of the Caribbean Public Health Agency as a mechanism for cooperation and coordination across the region on public health policy;

14. *Recalls and reaffirms* the political declaration of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases²¹⁵ and the outcome document of the high-level meeting of the Assembly on the comprehensive review and assessment of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases,²¹⁶ and in this regard emphasizes that continued and increased efforts are essential for achieving a world free of non-communicable diseases, including through the implementation of multisectoral, cost-effective, population-wide interventions and the provision of adequate, predictable and sustained resources, through domestic, bilateral and multilateral channels, including traditional and voluntary innovative financing mechanisms;

15. *Notes* the tenth anniversary of the Declaration of Port of Spain on non-communicable diseases and the ninth meeting of the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases, takes note of the Economic and Social Council resolution relating to financing for action on non-communicable diseases, and calls for close cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community with a view to the Global Conference on Non-communicable Diseases, to be held in Montevideo from 18 to 20 October 2017, and the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on non-communicable diseases, to be convened in 2018;

16. *Expresses appreciation* for the robust support and encouragement that the United Nations continues to give to the Pan-Caribbean Partnership against HIV/AIDS as it continues to perform its role as the regional response mechanism for reducing the spread and impact of HIV and AIDS through a system of universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support;

17. *Notes with appreciation* the existing cooperation between the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Caribbean Community, and calls for further deepening of that cooperation in such areas as the contribution of information and communications technology to education, the protection of world heritage sites in the Community, the challenge of male academic underachievement and the role of cultural industries in the economies of the States of the region;

18. *Notes with satisfaction* the installation at United Nations Headquarters of the permanent memorial to the victims of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade, an initiative led jointly by States members of the Caribbean Community and the Group of African States at the United Nations;

19. *Expresses appreciation* for the ongoing cooperation received from the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat in the implementation of the annual commemoration of the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade on 25 March and for its support and cooperation rendered in the implementation of the permanent memorial initiative, in keeping with the relevant General Assembly resolutions;

²¹⁵ Resolution 60/2, annex.

²¹⁶ Resolution 60/203.

I. Resolutions adopted without reference to a Main Committee

20. *Notes with appreciation* the ongoing efforts of the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean in providing technical assistance and capacity-building to States members of the Caribbean Community, including in the management of stockpiles of small arms and light weapons and their ammunition and the destruction of obsolete and seized firearms, ammunition and explosives;

21. *Welcomes* the reopening of the office of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in the region to reinforce the efforts of the States of the region in their struggle against the interrelated scourges of transnational organized crime, including drug trafficking, violent crime, terrorism and the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons;

22. *Acknowledges* the support of the United Nations in the development of the Caribbean Community Counter-Terrorism Strategy, and encourages the international community, including all relevant parts of the United Nations system, to support the Community, upon request, in its implementation;

23. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-third session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

24. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-third session, under the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations", the sub-item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community".

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RESOLUTION 71/314

Adopted at the 92nd plenary meeting, on 19 July 2017, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/71/495/Add.1, para. 6)¹

71/314. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2006 (XIX) of 18 February 1965 and all other relevant resolutions,

Recalling in particular its resolution 70/268 of 14 June 2016,

Affirming that the efforts of the United Nations in the peaceful settlement of disputes, including through its peacekeeping operations, are indispensable,

Convinced of the need for the United Nations to continue to improve its capabilities in the field of peacekeeping and to enhance the effective and efficient deployment of its peacekeeping operations,

Considering the contribution that all States Members of the United Nations make to peacekeeping,

Noting the widespread interest in contributing to the work of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations expressed by Member States, in particular troop- and police-contributing countries,

Bearing in mind the continuous necessity of preserving the efficiency and strengthening the effectiveness of the work of the Special Committee,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations;²
2. *Endorses* the proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Special Committee contained in paragraphs 19 to 419 of its report;
3. *Urges* Member States, the Secretariat and relevant organs of the United Nations to take all steps necessary to implement the proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Special Committee;
4. *Reiterates* that those Member States that become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or that participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chair of the Special Committee, become members at the following session of the Special Committee;
5. *Decides* that the Special Committee, in accordance with its mandate, shall continue its efforts for a comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects and shall review the implementation of its previous proposals and consider any new proposals so as to enhance the capacity of the United Nations to fulfil its responsibilities in this field;
6. *Requests* the Special Committee to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its seventy-second session;
7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-second session the item entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects".

¹ The draft resolution recommended in the report was sponsored in the Committee by Argentina, Canada, Egypt, Japan, Nigeria and Poland.

² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-first Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/71/19).*

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RESOLUTION 71/261 B

Adopted at the 89th plenary meeting, on 30 June 2017, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/71/702/Add.1, para. 6)

71/261. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

B¹

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 70/238 C of 17 June 2016 and 71/261 A of 23 December 2016,

Having considered the financial report and audited financial statements for the 12-month period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 and the report of the Board of Auditors on United Nations peacekeeping operations,² the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors concerning United Nations peacekeeping operations for the financial period ended 30 June 2016³ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁴

1. *Takes note* of the audit opinions and findings, and endorses the recommendations, contained in the report of the Board of Auditors;²
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;⁴
3. *Commends* the Board of Auditors for the quality of its report and the streamlined format thereof;
4. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors concerning United Nations peacekeeping operations for the financial period ended 30 June 2016;³
5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors and the related recommendations of the Advisory Committee in a prompt and timely manner;
6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue to indicate an expected time frame for the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors and the priorities for their implementation, including the office holders to be held accountable and measures taken in that regard;
7. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to provide, in his next report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors concerning United Nations peacekeeping operations, a full explanation for the delays in the implementation of all outstanding recommendations of the Board, the root causes of the recurring issues and the measures to be taken.

¹ Resolution 71/261, in section VI of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-first Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/71/49)*, vol. I, becomes resolution 71/261 A.

² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-first Session, Supplement No. 5, vol. II (A/71/5 (Vol. II))*.

³ A/71/801.

⁴ A/71/845.

RESOLUTION 71/271 B

Adopted at the 89th plenary meeting, on 30 June 2017, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/71/715/Add.1, para. 6)

71/271. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire

B

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire⁶ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁷

Recalling Security Council resolution 1528 (2004) of 27 February 2004, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire for an initial period of 12 months as from 4 April 2004, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Operation, the latest of which was resolution 2284 (2016) of 28 April 2016, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Operation for a final period until 30 June 2017,

Recalling also its resolution 58/310 of 18 June 2004 on the financing of the Operation and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 71/271 A of 23 December 2016,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Operation with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010, 65/289 of 30 June 2011, 66/264 of 21 June 2012, 69/307 of 25 June 2015 and 70/286 of 17 June 2016, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire as at 30 April 2017, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 26,709,909 United States dollars, representing some 0.5 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 82 Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Operation in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

⁶ Resolution 71/271, in section VI of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-first Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/71/49)*, vol. I, becomes resolution 71/271 A.

⁷ A/71/732.

⁸ A/71/886.

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8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁷ subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, on an exceptional basis, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee and subject to relevant rules and regulations, to enter into commitments in respect of expenditures related to the mandated operation and liquidation of the Operation, which are identified after the closure of the Operation, and to use the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund for cash flow purposes if necessary, and to report thereon in the context of the final performance report;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266, 61/276, 64/269, 65/289, 66/264, 69/307 and 70/286;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Operation is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016

12. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Operation for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016;⁸

13. *Decides* that Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Operation shall be credited with their respective share of 65,223,900 dollars, comprising the unencumbered balance of 48,680,300 dollars and 16,543,600 dollars of other revenue in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246 of 23 December 2015, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2016, as set out in its resolution 70/245 of 23 December 2015;

14. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Operation, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 65,223,900 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 13 above;

15. *Further decides* that the increase of 805,100 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016 shall be added to the credits in the amount of 65,223,900 dollars referred to in paragraphs 13 and 14 above;

16. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-second session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire".

RESOLUTION 71/272 B

Adopted at the 74th plenary meeting, on 6 April 2017, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/71/716/Add.1, para. 6)

71/272. Special subjects relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017

B^a

The General Assembly,

I

Revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017 under sections 27, Humanitarian assistance, and 36, Staff assessment: United Nations Monitoring Mechanism for the Syrian Arab Republic

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017 under sections 27, Humanitarian assistance, and 36, Staff assessment, concerning the

^a Resolution 71/272, in section VI of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-first Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/71/49)*, vol. I, becomes resolution 71/272 A.

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United Nations Monitoring Mechanism for the Syrian Arab Republic⁹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.¹⁰

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;⁶
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;¹⁰
3. *Approves* the additional resources for the period from 11 January to 31 December 2017 in the amount of 3,202,800 United States dollars (net of staff assessment);
4. *Appropriates* an additional amount of 2,029,200 dollars (net of staff assessment) under section 27, Humanitarian assistance, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017, as well as an additional amount of 172,300 dollars under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, for the biennium 2016-2017, representing a charge against the contingency fund.

II

Lessons learned exercise on the coordination activities of the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response

Recalling its resolution 69/3 of 9 October 2014, section X of its resolution 69/262 of 29 December 2014 and its resolution 69/274 B of 25 June 2015,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the lessons learned exercise on the coordination activities of the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response¹¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,¹²

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;¹¹
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;¹²
3. *Emphasizes* that the lessons learned on the coordination activities of the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response should be considered by the United Nations system in order to effectively work together to respond to health crises, taking into account the mandates and comparative advantages of United Nations entities and partners;
4. *Encourages* greater coordination, including using the full potential of existing mechanisms, among the relevant United Nations bodies and entities and regional and subregional organizations as well as national and local partners during health crises;
5. *Notes with appreciation* the work of the Global Health Crises Task Force in monitoring the implementation of recommendations from the High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises;
6. *Recalls* paragraphs 27 and 37 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and looks forward to receiving full information on the financial performance of the Mission in the context of its consideration of the forthcoming report of the Board of Auditors on the financial statements of the United Nations for 2016;

III

Status of implementation of the information and communications technology strategy for the United Nations

Recalling section II of its resolution 60/283 of 7 July 2006, its resolutions 63/262 of 24 December 2008, 63/269 of 7 April 2009 and 64/243 of 24 December 2009, section XVII of its resolution 65/259 of 24 December 2010, its resolution 66/246 of 24 December 2011, section I of its resolution 67/254 A of 12 April 2013, section XV

⁹ A/71/761.

¹⁰ A/71/811.

¹¹ A/70/737 and Corr.1.

¹² A/71/810.

of its resolution 68/247 A of 27 December 2013, section II of its resolution 69/262 of 29 December 2014, paragraph 107 of its resolution 70/247 of 23 December 2015, section V of its resolution 70/248 A of 23 December 2015 and paragraph 13 of its resolution 70/257 of 1 April 2016.

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the status of implementation of the information and communications technology strategy for the United Nations¹³ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,¹⁴

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;¹⁵
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,¹⁴ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
3. *Underscores* the importance of information and communications technology in meeting the growing demands of the Organization and of its role as a key enabler for business transformation initiatives at the global level and for the harmonization of services across duty stations and field missions;
4. *Underlines* the importance of information and communications technology in strengthening oversight and accountability and in increasing the availability of accurate and timely information to support decision-making, encourages the continuing efforts of the Office of Information and Communications Technology of the Department of Management of the Secretariat in this regard, and requests the Secretary-General to provide a detailed update on business intelligence and analytics in the next progress report;
5. *Welcomes* the progress achieved in implementing the information and communications technology strategy, and emphasizes the importance of the full and timely implementation of the strategy across the Organization;
6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide, in the context of the next progress report on the implementation of the information and communications technology strategy, updated information on, inter alia, specified objectives, benchmarks, indicators of tangible progress and benefits in order to assess performance, qualitative and quantitative benefits, risk management and mitigation mechanisms to ensure appropriate decision-making with respect to the assessment of the implementation of the strategy;
7. *Notes* the planned implementation of the second phase of the information and communications technology strategy, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to formulate a system-wide policy for the reuse and safe disposal of decommissioned information and communications technology equipment and to provide an update thereon in his next progress report;
8. *Also notes* the ongoing reform and initiatives by the Office of Information and Communications Technology that aim to support the work of the Organization, and in this regard emphasizes the need for the Office to continue its efforts, with the aim of facilitating the work of the Organization and its support to Member States, including through the provision of relevant services to delegates at all main duty stations, as appropriate;
9. *Acknowledges* the improvement of collaboration between the Office of Information and Communications Technology and the Department of Field Support of the Secretariat, and encourages the Secretary-General to enhance efforts to strengthen coordination among all Secretariat entities on information and communications technology activities and to provide in his next progress report a detailed update on progress achieved in this regard, as well as with regard to implementing the information and communications technology strategy and compliance with the provision of the bulletin of the Secretary-General on the organization of the Office of Information and Communications Technology;¹⁶
10. *Recalls* paragraph 7 of section V of its resolution 70/248 A, and emphasizes that the full support and commitment of senior management, as well as close and continuous engagement with all stakeholders, keeping in mind the need to address all operational requirements, is integral to the timely and successful implementation of the information and communications technology strategy;

¹³ A/71/400.

¹⁴ A/71/789.

¹⁵ S/LSG/B/2016/11.

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11. *Reiterates* the central role of the Chief Information Technology Officer as the leader for the overall direction and performance of information and communications technology activities of the Secretariat, recalls section II of its resolution 69/262 and section V of its resolution 70/248 A, and reiterates its request to the Secretary-General, as a matter of priority, to exercise proactive and strong leadership to ensure full compliance by all entities of the Secretariat with the provisions of those resolutions, including to report to the Chief Information Technology Officer on all issues relating to information and communications technology activities, resource management, standards, security, architecture, policies and guidance, and to report on progress achieved thereon in his next progress report;

12. *Notes* that the consolidation of information and communications technology resources continues to face challenges, and in this regard stresses that the cooperation of managers with the Chief Information Technology Officer is critical for the successful implementation of the information and communications technology strategy;

13. *Emphasizes* the importance of ensuring that budgets and projects from all funding sources for all information and communications technology initiatives and operations of the Secretariat are reviewed by the Office of Information and Communications Technology within existing governance structures, before their submission to the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts of the Department of Management;

14. *Recalls* paragraph 11 of section V of its resolution 70/248 A, and reiterates its request to the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chair of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to invite the heads of United Nations entities to consider the possible harmonization and sharing of services as well as the related costs of information and communications technology, as appropriate, in particular at field locations, and to report thereon in the context of future progress reports;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to refine his analysis of existing applications and further rationalize and reduce the 1,000 applications that are expected to remain in 2020, and to report on this matter in his next progress report;

16. *Notes* the efforts by the Secretary-General to address the issue of ageing information and communications technology equipment in peacekeeping missions, including the upcoming development of a risk assessment framework, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to explore adapted, innovative and cost-effective solutions for the replacement and mitigation of future risk of ageing information and communications technology assets of the Organization, in particular in the field;

17. *Underlines* the importance of a comprehensive picture of information and communications technology assets in facilitating informed decision-making on information and communications technology investments, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to find a solution for managing and reporting comprehensively on information and communications technology assets, including intangible assets, and to report on this matter in his next progress report;

18. *Recalls* paragraph 34 of the report of the Advisory Committee, reiterates its request that the Secretary-General continue his efforts to reduce the level of fragmentation of the current information and communications technology environment across the Secretariat and at all duty stations and field missions, and requests the Secretary-General to continue efforts at all duty stations, including at Headquarters, to pursue the further consolidation and integration of information and communications technology services of the Secretariat in accordance with the information and communications technology strategy, taking into account the need to address the operational requirements of affected departments, offices and commissions, and to report thereon in his next progress report;

19. *Notes* the progress made in the implementation of the 10-point action plan to strengthen information security one year after its original completion date, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the expeditious completion of the remaining initiative, update Member States regularly on its progress and provide information thereon in his next progress report;

20. *Reiterates* the importance of ensuring a smooth and timely transfer of responsibilities from the Umoja project to corresponding entities within the Secretariat, and requests the Secretary-General to provide in his next progress report an update on progress achieved to that effect;

21. *Emphasizes* the importance of ensuring the availability of appropriate in-house expertise to implement the information and communications technology strategy, acknowledges the remaining challenges in this regard, and requests the Secretary-General to enhance his efforts in this regard;

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22. *Reaffirms* its resolution 71/263 of 23 December 2016 and, in particular, its decision not to approve proposed changes in career development for staff members in the General Service and related categories, and stresses that any proposal regarding policy changes related to the career development of information and communications technology staff or the creation of opportunities to retain experienced qualified information and communications technology personnel should be presented for consideration by the General Assembly in the context of the report of the Secretary-General on human resources management;

23. *Welcomes* the completion of the five-year budget projection for the Secretariat, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to refine the planning assumptions on which the projection is based and to present in his progress report to the seventy-third session of the General Assembly an updated comprehensive budget projection, which should include the requirements of peacekeeping and non-peacekeeping entities and actual expenditures;

24. *Stresses* that further investment in the videoconferencing system should be accompanied by effective control over and reduction of travel of staff members, including by strict implementation of paragraph 3.2 of the administrative instruction on official travel¹⁶ so as to ensure that approval is not given if the intended main objective for mandate implementation can be met by the use of alternative methods such as videoconferencing;

IV

Managing after-service health insurance

Recalling its resolution 58/249 A of 23 December 2003, section III of its resolution 60/255 of 8 May 2006, its resolution 61/264 of 4 April 2007, its resolution 64/241 and section XI of its resolution 64/245 of 24 December 2008, section IV of its resolution 65/259 of 24 December 2010, its resolutions 68/244 of 27 December 2013 and 69/112 of 10 December 2014 and section III of its resolution 70/248 B of 1 April 2016,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on managing after-service health insurance¹⁷ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,¹⁸

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;¹⁷

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;¹⁸

V

Proposed United Nations Secretariat contribution to the United Nations Development Group cost-sharing arrangement for the resident coordinator system

Recalling its resolution 70/247 of 23 December 2015 and its decision 70/553 B of 1 April 2016,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed United Nations Secretariat contribution to the United Nations Development Group cost-sharing arrangement for the resident coordinator system¹⁹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,²⁰

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;¹⁹

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,²⁰ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Takes note* of paragraph 25 (b) of the report of the Advisory Committee, underlines the importance of the resident coordinator system, and requests the Secretary-General to present to the General Assembly at its seventy-second session a refined proposal on the cost-sharing arrangement and management of the financing thereof and to submit associated costs in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019;

¹⁶ ST/AG/2013/7 and Amend 1 and 2.

¹⁷ A/71/6.49 and Corr.1.

¹⁸ A/71/318.

¹⁹ A/70/703.

²⁰ A/70/73 Add.48.

VI

Standards of accommodation for air travel

Recalling its resolution 42/214 of 21 December 1987, section IV, paragraph 14, of its resolution 53/214 of 18 December 1998, section XV of its resolution 62/238 of 22 December 2007, section II of its resolution 63/268 of 7 April 2009, section IV of its resolution 65/268 of 4 April 2011, section VI of its resolution 67/234 A of 12 April 2013 and section IV of its resolution 69/274 A of 2 April 2015, as well as its decision 57/589 of 18 June 2003,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the standards of accommodation for air travel¹⁷ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,¹⁸

Requests the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report on standards of accommodation for air travel for consideration by the General Assembly at the first part of its resumed seventy-second session;

VII

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council

Recalling section XX of its resolution 70/248 A, section V of its resolution 70/248 B and section XIX of its resolution 71/272 A of 23 December 2016,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council concerning the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons-United Nations Joint Investigative Mechanism¹⁹ and the Panel of Experts on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea,²⁰ and the related reports of the Advisory Committee,²¹

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General;²²

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the related reports of the Advisory Committee,²³ subject to the provisions of the present resolution.

Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons-United Nations Joint Investigative Mechanism

3. *Approves* the budget for the Joint Investigative Mechanism for the period from 1 April to 31 October 2017 in the amount of 3,185,800 dollars (net of staff assessment);

4. *Decides* that the requirements of the Joint Investigative Mechanism for the periods from 1 November to 31 December 2016 and from 1 January to 31 March 2017, amounting to 95,000 dollars and 868,900 dollars, respectively, and funded under the authority granted to the Secretary-General under paragraph 1 (a) of General Assembly resolution 70/250 of 23 December 2015 relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses, shall be reported in the second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017.

Panel of Experts on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

5. *Recalls* paragraphs 14 and 15 of the report of the Advisory Committee,²⁴ and decides to establish one Political Affairs Officer (P-4) position and one Research Assistant (General Service (Principal level)) position;

¹⁷ A/71/741 and Corr.1.

¹⁸ A/71/822.

¹⁹ A/71/905/Add.8 and Corr.1.

²⁰ A/71/365/Add.9.

²¹ A/71/905/Add.8 and 9.

²² A/71/905/Add.9.

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6. *Decides* not to establish one proposed Senior Political Affairs Officer (P-5) position;
7. *Approves* the budget for the Panel of Experts on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for 2017 amounting to 2,801,400 dollars (net of staff assessment);
8. *Decides* to appropriate, under the procedures provided for in paragraph 11 of annex I to its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, an additional amount of 2,586,100 dollars (net of staff assessment) under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017, after taking into account the approved commitment authority amounting to 961,900 dollars;
9. *Also decides* to appropriate an amount of 296,300 dollars, under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017.

RESOLUTION 71/281

Adopted at the 74th plenary meeting, on 6 April 2017, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/71/855, para. 6)

71/281. Joint Inspection Unit

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions on the Joint Inspection Unit, in particular resolutions 31/192 of 22 December 1976, 50/233 of 7 June 1996, 54/16 of 29 October 1999, 57/284 A and B of 20 December 2002, 58/286 of 8 April 2004, 59/267 of 23 December 2004, 60/258 of 8 May 2006, 61/238 of 22 December 2006, 61/260 of 4 April 2007, 62/226 of 22 December 2007, 62/246 of 3 April 2008, 64/262 of 29 March 2010, 65/270 of 4 April 2011, 66/259 of 9 April 2012, 67/256 of 12 April 2013, 68/266 of 9 April 2014, 69/275 of 2 April 2015 and 70/257 of 1 April 2016,

Reaffirming the statute of the Unit²² and the unique role of the Unit as the only external and independent system-wide inspection, evaluation and investigation body,

Having considered the report of the Unit for 2016 and programme of work for 2017²³ and the note by the Secretary-General on the report of the Unit for 2016,²⁴

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2016 and programme of work for 2017;²⁵
2. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General on the report of the Unit for 2016;²⁶
3. *Reiterates its request* to the executive heads of the participating organizations to fully comply with the statutory procedures for consideration of the reports of the Unit and, in particular, to submit their comments, including information on what they intend to do regarding the recommendations of the Unit, to distribute reports in time for their consideration by legislative organs and to provide information on the steps to be taken to implement those recommendations accepted by the legislative organs and the executive heads of participating organizations;
4. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General and the other executive heads of the participating organizations to fully assist the Unit with the timely provision of all information requested by it;
5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, as Chair of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to intensify efforts to ensure that the United Nations system gives timely and due consideration to the recommendations of the Unit and to improve the implementation rates thereof;

²² Resolution 31/192, annex.

²³ Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-first Session, Supplement No. 34 and corrigendum (A/71/34 and Corr.1).

²⁴ A/71/779.

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6. Stresses the importance of the oversight functions of the Unit in identifying concrete managerial, administrative and programming questions within the participating organizations and providing the General Assembly and other legislative organs of participating organizations with practical and action-oriented recommendations to improve and strengthen the governance of the United Nations as a whole;

7. Recognizes that the effectiveness of the Unit system-wide is a shared responsibility of the Unit, the Member States and the secretariats of the participating organizations;

8. Also recognizes the need to continue to enhance the impact of the Unit on the management efficiency and transparency of the participating organizations within the United Nations system;

9. Welcomes the coordination of the Unit with the Board of Auditors and the Office of Internal Oversight Services of the Secretariat, and encourages those bodies to continue to share experiences, knowledge, best practices and lessons learned with other United Nations audit and oversight bodies, as well as with the Independent Audit Advisory Committee, with a view to avoiding overlap or duplication and achieving further synergy, cooperation, effectiveness and efficiency, without prejudice to the respective mandates of the audit and oversight bodies;

10. Requests the heads of participating organizations to make full use of the web-based system of the Unit and to provide an in-depth analysis of how the recommendations of the Unit are being implemented;

11. Welcomes the continued reform efforts undertaken by the Unit to better serve the interests of the participating organizations and Member States, and encourages the Unit to continue its efforts in this regard;

12. Reiterates its request to the Unit to consider optimizing the number of projects in its programme of work through prioritization;

13. Reaffirms article 20 of the statute of the Unit,¹⁰ in which it is stipulated that the Unit shall be invited to be represented at meetings when its budget estimates are being discussed;

14. Recalls paragraph 107 of its resolution 70/247 of 23 December 2015 and paragraph 13 of its resolution 70/257, and requests the Secretary-General to consider options for hosting the website and the web-based tracking system of the Unit in-house and to report on this matter in the context of the forthcoming report on the implementation of the information and communications strategy for the Secretariat.

RESOLUTION 71/282

Adopted at the 74th plenary meeting, on 6 April 2017, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/71/704/Add.1, para. 6)

71/282. Construction of a new facility for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, Arusha branch

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 66/240 A of 24 December 2011, 66/240 B of 21 June 2012, 67/244 A of 24 December 2012, 67/244 B of 12 April 2013, 68/257 of 27 December 2013, 68/267 of 9 April 2014, 69/256 of 29 December 2014, 69/276 of 2 April 2015, 70/243 of 23 December 2015 and 70/258 of 1 April 2016,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General¹¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹²

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General;¹³

2. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.¹⁴

¹⁰ A/71/733.

¹¹ A/71/812.

RESOLUTION 71/283

Adopted at the 74th plenary meeting, on 6 April 2017, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/71/717/Add.1, para. 8)

71/283. Progress towards an accountability system in the United Nations Secretariat

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 59/272 of 23 December 2004 and 60/254 of 8 May 2006, section I of its resolution 60/260 of 8 May 2006 and its resolutions 60/283 of 7 July 2006, 61/245 of 22 December 2006, 63/276 of 7 April 2009, 64/259 of 29 March 2010, 66/257 of 9 April 2012, 67/253 of 12 April 2013, 68/264 of 9 April 2014, 69/272 of 2 April 2015 and 70/255 of 1 April 2016,

Reaffirming its commitment to strengthening accountability in the United Nations Secretariat and the accountability of the Secretary-General for the performance of the Secretariat to all Member States,

Emphasizing that accountability is a central pillar of effective and efficient management that requires attention and strong commitment at all levels of the Secretariat, especially at the highest level,

Recognizing and reaffirming the important role of the oversight bodies in the development of an accountability system that is relevant to the United Nations,

Having considered the sixth progress report of the Secretary-General on the accountability system in the United Nations Secretariat¹² and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹³

Having also considered the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on fraud prevention, detection and response in United Nations system organizations¹⁴ and the related note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon,¹⁵

1. *Takes note* of the sixth progress report of the Secretary-General on the accountability system in the United Nations Secretariat;¹²

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;¹³

3. *Stresses*, as one of the essential components of accountability, the importance of compliance with the Charter of the United Nations, its resolutions and the regulations and rules;

4. *Also stresses* the indispensable roles of external and internal oversight mechanisms, carried out through regular audit reviews and the issuance of pertinent recommendations, and that the full and timely implementation of the recommendations of oversight bodies, which are aimed at strengthening the performance of managers in monitoring the activities for which they are held accountable, is an essential part of any effective system of accountability;

5. *Welcomes* the ongoing work of the High-level Committee on Management of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination related to the preparation of a single set of definitions, to be agreed upon across the United Nations system, of what constitutes fraud, as well as suspected or presumptive fraud, and requests the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chair of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to foster this work so as to expedite the completion of this set of definitions and to report thereon in the context of the seventh progress report;

¹² A/71/729.

¹³ A/71/820.

¹⁴ A/71/731.

¹⁵ A/71/731/Add.1.

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6. *Also welcomes* the establishment of the Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Framework of the United Nations Secretariat and the update of the policy on protection against retaliation, and requests the Secretary-General to strengthen them and to report on their implementation and the impact of measures taken in the seventh progress report;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to conduct a comprehensive fraud risk assessment by mid-2017 in order to better implement internal controls and policies on fraud at Headquarters and in the field missions, and to provide an update in the context of the seventh progress report;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to update the legal instruments for engaging third parties, such as vendors and implementing partners, with particular attention to anti-fraud clauses and provisions;

9. *Notes* the progress made in implementing the enterprise risk management system throughout the Organization, including in peacekeeping operations, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the comprehensive implementation of the system in all peacekeeping operations and to provide the General Assembly with updates in the context of the seventh progress report;

10. *Acknowledges* the importance of further developing the guidelines for the preparation of agreements with donors and implementing partners, including updating the Financial Rules of the United Nations;

11. *Welcomes* the updated policy on protection against retaliation, and emphasizes the need for clear communication and effective implementation and enforcement of the policy in order to ensure a culture of protection and enhance accountability within the Organization;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to enhance the processes and responses of the Organization to ensure that it encourages the reporting of serious misconduct, protects whistle-blowers from retaliation and intervenes to prevent retaliation from occurring;

13. *Reaffirms* that results-based management and performance reporting are essential pillars of a comprehensive accountability framework;

14. *Notes* that the Secretary-General did not include in the sixth progress report a detailed plan, with a fixed time frame and clear milestones, for the implementation of results-based management in the regular functioning of the Organization, and reiterates its request that he include such a detailed plan in the seventh progress report;

15. *Recalls* paragraph 7 of its resolution 70/255, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to use the tracking mechanism to monitor the status of the implementation of relevant General Assembly resolutions on administrative and budgetary matters and to include comprehensive information on the implementation of such resolutions in the biennial programme performance report;

16. *Reiterates* that both senior managers' compacts and the staff performance management system are important tools for the accountability system, and requests the Secretary-General to incorporate in these tools specific, measurable and time-bound performance goals so that they may become meaningful and powerful instruments of accountability;

17. *Emphasizes* that the timely submission of documents is an important aspect of the Secretariat's accountability to Member States, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to ensure the continued inclusion in the senior managers' compacts of a related managerial indicator and to report on this issue in the seventh progress report;

18. *Stresses* the need for the Secretary-General to address the deficiencies in the current delegation of authority system through the promulgation of well-defined roles and responsibilities of individuals at all levels to whom authority is delegated, systemic reporting mechanisms on monitoring and exercise of delegated authority and actions to be taken in cases of mismanagement or abuse of authority;

19. *Recalls* paragraph 23 of its resolution 70/255, and reiterates its request that the Secretary-General include in his next annual progress report substantiated evidence of the results of action taken to strengthen the accountability framework and an assessment of the delivery of key transformational initiatives, their impact on the accountability framework, including enterprise risk management, anti-fraud and anti-corruption controls, and the additional action necessary to further strengthen accountability within the Secretariat;

20. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in this regard, to brief the Fifth Committee during the main part of the seventy-second session of the General Assembly on progress made in the preparation of the seventh progress report.

RESOLUTION 71/293

Adopted at the 89th plenary meeting, on 30 June 2017, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/71/708/Add.1 and Corr.1, para. 14)

71/293. Financing of the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 69/307 of 25 June 2015 and 70/289 of 17 June 2016,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda, for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018¹⁶ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁷

1. *Reaffirms* its resolutions 57/290 B of 18 June 2003, 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010, 65/289 of 30 June 2011, 66/264 of 21 June 2012, 69/307, and 70/286 of 17 June 2016, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of their relevant provisions;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;¹⁸

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁹ subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to extend support to the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara, through the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda, by providing financial and administrative and transactional services;

5. *Notes with appreciation* the restructuring of the Regional Service Centre;

6. *Recalls* paragraph 30 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and, in regard to the differences in salary increases for national staff in the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Regional Service Centre, requests the Secretary-General to clarify the roles of the Centre and the Mission with respect to the administrative matters of the Centre;

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

7. *Approves* the amount of 33,000,000 United States dollars for the maintenance of the Regional Service Centre for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018;

Financing of the budget estimates

8. *Decides* that the requirements for the Regional Service Centre for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 shall be financed as follows:

(a) The amount of 32,313,100 dollars, to be prorated among the budgets of the active client peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018;

(b) The amount of 686,500 dollars, to be charged against the provision for special political missions under section 3, Political affairs, as may be approved by the General Assembly in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019;

(c) The estimated staff assessment income of 2,993,600 dollars for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, to be offset against the amount referred to in subparagraph (a) above, to be prorated among the budgets of the individual active client peacekeeping operations;

¹⁶ A/71/835.

¹⁷ A/71/836/Add.9.

9. *Also decides* to consider at its seventy-second session the question of the financing of the Regional Service Centre.

RESOLUTION 71/294

Adopted at the 89th plenary meeting, on 30 June 2017, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/71/708/Add.1 and Corr.1 para. 14)

71/294. Financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy

The General Assembly,

Recalling section XIV of its resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994 and its resolution 62/231 of 22 December 2007,

Recalling also its decision 50/500 of 17 September 1996 on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 70/288 of 17 June 2016,

Recalling further its resolution 56/292 of 27 June 2002 concerning the establishment of the strategic deployment stocks and its subsequent resolutions on the status of the implementation of the strategic deployment stocks, the latest of which was resolution 70/288,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base³⁸ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,³⁹

Having also considered the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the activities of the Office: review and evaluation of strategic deployment stocks,⁴⁰

Reiterating the importance of establishing an accurate inventory of assets,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the facilities provided by the Government of Italy to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and by the Government of Spain to the secondary active telecommunications facility in Valencia, Spain;

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁴¹ subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010, 65/289 of 30 June 2011, 66/264 of 21 June 2012, 69/307 of 25 June 2015 and 70/286 of 17 June 2016, as well as other relevant resolutions;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016

4. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016;⁴²

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

5. *Approves* the cost estimates for the United Nations Logistics Base amounting to 81,000,000 United States dollars for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018,

³⁸ A/71/689 and A/71/828.

³⁹ A/71/856/Add.10.

⁴⁰ A/71/798.

⁴¹ A/71/689.

Financing of the budget estimates

6. *Decides* that the requirements for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 shall be financed as follows:

(a) The unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 538,700 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016, to be applied against the resources required for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018;

(b) The balance of 80,461,300 dollars, to be prorated among the budgets of the active peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018;

(c) The estimated staff assessment income of 6,179,100 dollars, comprising the amount of 6,053,200 dollars for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 and the increase of 125,900 dollars in respect of the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016, to be offset against the balance referred to in subparagraph (b) above, to be prorated among the budgets of the individual active peacekeeping operations;

7. *Also decides* to consider at its seventy-second session the question of the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base.

RESOLUTION 71/295

Adopted at the 89th plenary meeting, on 30 June 2017, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/71/708/Add.1 and Corr.1, para. 14)

71/295. Support account for peacekeeping operations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/258 of 3 May 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 48/226 A of 23 December 1993, 48/226 C of 29 July 1994, 49/250 of 20 July 1995, 50/221 B of 7 June 1996, section I of its resolution 55/238 of 23 December 2000, its resolutions 55/271 of 14 June 2001, 56/241 of 24 December 2001, 56/293 of 27 June 2002, 57/318 of 18 June 2003, 58/298 of 18 June 2004, 59/301 of 22 June 2005, 60/268 of 30 June 2006, 61/279 of 29 June 2007, 62/250 of 20 June 2008, 63/287 of 30 June 2009, 64/271 of 24 June 2010, 65/290 of 30 June 2011, 66/265 of 21 June 2012, 67/287 of 28 June 2013, 68/283 of 30 June 2014, 69/308 of 25 June 2015 and 70/287 of 17 June 2016 and its other relevant resolutions, as well as its decisions 49/469 of 23 December 1994 and 50/473 of 23 December 1995,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016⁴² and on the budget for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018,⁴³ the report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on the proposed budget of the Office of Internal Oversight Services under the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018⁴⁴ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁴⁵

Recognizing the importance of the United Nations being able to respond and deploy rapidly to a peacekeeping operation upon the adoption of a relevant resolution of the Security Council, within 30 days for traditional peacekeeping operations and 90 days for complex peacekeeping operations,

Recognizing also the need for adequate support during all phases of peacekeeping operations, including the liquidation and termination phases,

Mindful that the level of the support account should broadly correspond to the mandate, number, size and complexity of peacekeeping missions,

⁴² A/71/726 and Add.1.

⁴³ A/71/806.

⁴⁴ A/71/800.

⁴⁵ A/71/883.

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1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018⁴¹ and the report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on the proposed budget for the Office of Internal Oversight Services under the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018;⁴²
2. *Reaffirms* its role in carrying out a thorough analysis and approval of human and financial resources and policies with a view to ensuring the full, effective and efficient implementation of all mandated programmes and activities and the implementation of policies in this regard;
3. *Also reaffirms* that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibility for administrative and budgetary matters;
4. *Further reaffirms* rule 153 of its rules of procedure;
5. *Reaffirms* that the support account funds shall be used for the sole purpose of financing human resources and non-human resources requirements for backstopping and supporting peacekeeping operations at Headquarters, and that any changes in this limitation require the prior approval of the General Assembly;
6. *Also reaffirms* the need for adequate funding for the backstopping of peacekeeping operations, as well as the need for full justification for that funding in support account budget submissions;
7. *Further reaffirms* the need for effective and efficient administration and financial management of peacekeeping operations, and urges the Secretary-General to continue to identify measures to increase the productivity and efficiency of the support account;
8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010, 65/289 of 30 June 2011, 66/264 of 21 June 2012, 69/307 of 25 June 2015 and 70/286 of 17 June 2016 and its other relevant resolutions;
9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁴³ subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;
10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to streamline his report on the support account submitted for consideration by the General Assembly, making it more strategic and analytical, and encourages the increased use of tables and graphics;
11. *Notes* the efforts of the Secretary-General to continuously ensure that capacity at Headquarters meets changing mandates;
12. *Takes note* of paragraph 65 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to approve the proposal of the Secretary-General to restructure the Logistics Support Division, with the exception of the elements related to the work, functions and staffing of the Air Transport Section;
13. *Decides* to maintain, for the financial period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, the funding mechanism for the support account used in the current period, from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017, as approved in paragraph 3 of its resolution 50/221 B;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016

14. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016;⁴⁴

Budget estimates for the financial period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

15. *Approves* the support account requirements in the amount of 325,800,000 United States dollars for the financial period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, inclusive of the amount of 25,038,300 dollars for the enterprise resource planning project, 821,500 dollars for information and systems security and 868,500 dollars for the global service delivery model, including 1,357 continuing posts and 3 new temporary posts, as well as the abolishment,

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redeployment, reassignment and reclassification of posts, as set out in annex I to the present resolution, 77 continuing and 3 new general temporary assistance positions and 59 person-months, as set out in annex II, as well as related post and non-post requirements;

Financing of the support account for peacekeeping operations for the financial periods from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 and from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

16. *Decides* that the requirements for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the financial period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 shall be financed as follows:

(a) The unencumbered balance in the amount of 611,300 dollars, in respect of the financial period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016, to be applied to the resources required for the financial period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018;

(b) The total amount of 2,238,200 dollars, comprising interest revenue of 638,900 dollars, other revenue of 64,500 dollars and cancellation of prior-period obligations of 1,534,800 dollars, in respect of the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016, to be applied to the resources required for the financial period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018;

(c) The amount of 1,161,100 dollars, representing the excess of the authorized level of the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016, to be applied to the resources required for the financial period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018;

(d) The balance of 321,789,400 dollars to be prorated among the budgets of the active peacekeeping operations for the financial period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018;

(e) The net estimated staff assessment income of 28,070,700 dollars, comprising the amount of 27,180,200 dollars for the financial period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 and the increase of 890,500 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016, to be offset against the balance referred to in subparagraph (d) above, to be prorated among the budgets of the individual active peacekeeping operations.

Annex I

A. Posts to be established under the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

Department/Office	Department/Office/Unit	Posts		Description	Status
		Number	Level		
Department of Peacekeeping Operations					
Office of the Under-Secretary-General	Office of the Chief of Staff	1	P-4	Organizational Resilience Officer	Conversion from general temporary assistance
Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions	Police Division	1	P-3	Police Gender Affairs Officer	New
Subtotal		2			
Department of Management					
Office of Human Resources Management	Human Resources Policy Service	1	P-2	Associate Legal Officer	Conversion from general temporary assistance
Subtotal		1			
Total		3			

Note: The specific assignment and location of each of the new posts is set out in the report of the Secretary-General (A/71/806) and referenced in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/71/883).

B. Restructuring, redeployment, reassignment, reclassification and abolishment of posts under the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

Restructuring

Department of Peacekeeping Operations Office of Operations Africa I Division

Shifting capacity of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei from the United Nations Mission in South Sudan United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNMISS/UNISFA) Integrated Operational Team to the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID) Integrated Operational Team and renaming the UNMISS/UNISFA Integrated Operational Team as the South Sudan Integrated Operational Team and the UNAMID Integrated Operational Team as the Sudan Integrated Operational Team

Department of Peacekeeping Operations Office of Operations Africa II Division

Shifting capacity of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic from the Great Lakes Integrated Operational Team to the new Central Africa Integrated Operational Team and combining the West Africa Integrated Operational Team and the Mali Integrated Operational Team to form the new West Africa and Sahel Integrated Operational Team

Department of Field Support Office of the Under-Secretary-General Environment Section

Establishment of the Environment Section

Department of Field Support Logistics Support Division

Realignment of the Logistics Support Division in line with an "end-to-end" supply chain approach with a view to improving the support for field missions, excluding the restructuring of the Air Transport Section

Redeployment

Department of Peacekeeping Operations Office of Operations Asia, Middle East, Europe and Latin America Division

Redeployment of 1 post (1 GS (OL) Team Assistant) from the Africa II Division (West Africa team)

Department of Field Support Office of the Under-Secretary-General Environment Section

Redeployment of 4 posts (1 P-5, 1 P-4 and 1 P-3 Environmental Officer and 1 GS (OL) Programme Assistant) from the Logistics Support Division

Office of Internal Oversight Services Internal Audit Division Resident Audit Offices of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic, the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali and the United Nations Support Office in Somalia

Redeployment of 3 posts (3 P-4 Resident Auditors) from the Resident Audit Office in Entebbe, Uganda, to the Resident Audit Offices of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic, the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali and the United Nations Support Office in Somalia

Reassignment

Office of Internal Oversight Services Inspection and Evaluation Division Regional Inspection and Evaluation Office in Entebbe

Reassignment of 1 post (1 P-4 Resident Auditor to be reassigned as 1 P-4 Evaluation Officer) from the Resident Audit Office of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire

Reassignment of 2 posts (1 P-5 Chief Resident Auditor to be reassigned and reclassified as 1 P-4 Evaluation Officer and 1 P-3 Resident Auditor to be reassigned as 1 P-3 Evaluation Officer) from the Resident Audit Office of the United Nations Mission in Liberia

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Reclassification

Office of Internal Oversight Services Internal Audit Division Resident Audit Office in Entebbe

Reclassification of 1 post (1 FS Audit Assistant as 1 NGS Administrative Assistant)

Abolishment

Department of Field Support Field Budget and Finance Division Budget and Performance Reporting Service

Abolishment of 2 posts (2 GS (OL) Finance and Budget Assistant)

Office of Internal Oversight Services Investigations Division Resident Investigations Office of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic

Abolishment of 1 post (P-4 Resident Investigator)

Office of Internal Oversight Services Internal Audit Division Resident Audit Office of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire

Abolishment of 1 post (P-3 Resident Auditor)

Office of Internal Oversight Services Internal Audit Division Resident Audit Office of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire

Abolishment of 3 posts (1 P-5 Chief Resident Auditor, 1 FS Audit Assistant and 1 NGS Administrative Assistant)

Office of Internal Oversight Services Internal Audit Division Resident Audit Office of the United Nations Mission in Liberia

Abolishment of 1 post (FS Audit Assistant)

Abbreviations: FS, Field Service; GS (OL), General Service (Other level); NGS, national General Service

Annex II

General temporary assistance positions to be established under the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

Department/office	Organizational unit	Positions			Status
		Number	Level	Function	
Department of Peacekeeping Operations					
Office of the Under-Secretary-General	Office of the Chief of Staff	1	GS (OL)	Administrative Assistant (organizational resilience)	Continuation
	Executive Office	1	P-4	Human Resources Officer	Continuation
		3 months	1 P-4	Leave replacement	Continuation
		2 months	1 P-3	Leave replacement	Continuation
		2 months	1 GS (OL)	Leave replacement	Continuation
Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions	Office of the Assistant Secretary-General	1	P-4	Rule of Law and Security Institutions Officer (United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic)	Continuation

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Department/office	Organizational unit	Position		Function	Status
		Number	Level		
	Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Section	1	P-4	Policy and Planning Officer (disarmament, demobilization and reintegration) (United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic)	Continuation
	Police Division	1	P-4	Police Programme Officer (United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic)	Continuation
	Justice and Corrections Service	1	P-4	Judicial Affairs Officer	Continuation
Subtotal		6			
United Nations Office to the African Union					
Administrative Support Section		—	3 months, 1 P-3	Leave replacement	Continuation
		—	3 months, 1 NOS	Leave replacement	Continuation
Subtotal		—			
Department of Field Support					
Office of the Under-Secretary-General	Conduct and Discipline Unit	1	P-3	Programme Officer	New
	Audit Response and Boards of Inquiry Section	—	6 months, 1 P-3	Operational Review Officer	New
Field Budget and Finance Division	Memorandum of Understanding and Claims Management Section	1	P-3	Finance Officer (United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic)	Continuation
	Reimbursement Policy and Liaison Section	1	GS (OL)	Administrative Assistant	Continuation
Field Personnel Division	Field Personnel Specialist Support Service	10	P-3	Human Resources Officer (occupational groups)	Continuation
		3	GS (OL)	Human Resources Assistant (occupational groups)	Continuation
Subtotal		16			
Department of Management					
Office of the Under-Secretary-General	Executive Office	—	3 months, 1 P-4	Leave replacement	Continuation
		—	3 months, 1 GS (OL)	Leave replacement	Continuation
Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts	Peacekeeping Financing Division	2	P-3	Finance and Budget Officer	Continuation
	Accounts Division	1	P-4	Accountant (accounting policy)	New
		1	GS (OL)	Finance Assistant (insurance)	Continuation

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Supporting office	Organization/Unit	Position		Function	Status
		Number	Level		
Office of Human Resources Management	Medical Service Division	1	P-4	Medical Officer	Continuation
	Strategic Planning and Staffing Division	1	P-4	Project Manager (data warehouse)	Continuation
		1	P-3	Human Resources Officer (mobility)	Continuation
Office of Central Support Services	Procurement Division	1	GS (OL)	Procurement Assistant	Continuation
Office of Information and Communications Technology	Enterprise Applications Centre (Bangkok (Bangkok office))	1	P-4	Project Manager (rations management system)	Continuation
		1	P-3	Information Systems Officer (fuel management system)	Continuation
	Enterprise Applications Centre (Bangkok (New York office))	1	P-3	Information Systems Officer (customer relationship management for the troop contribution management project)	Continuation
	Enterprise Applications Centre (New York)	1	P-3	Business Analyst (Inspira)	Continuation
Subtotal		12			
Office of Internal Oversight Services					
Executive Office		– 2 months, 2 P-3		Leave replacement	Continuation
		– 2 months, 3 GS (OL)		Leave replacement	Continuation
Investigative Division	Vienna	1	D-1	Deputy Director	Continuation
		1	P-5	Senior Investigator	Continuation
		2	P-4	Investigator	Continuation
		1	P-4	Forensic Investigator	Continuation
		5	P-3	Investigator	Continuation
		1	GS (PL)	Investigations Assistant	Continuation
		1	GS (OL)	Investigations Assistant	Continuation
	Entebbe, Uganda	1	P-4	Investigator (from the United Nations Mission in Liberia)	Continuation
		3	P-3	Investigator	Continuation
		1	NGS	Administrative Assistant	Continuation
	Nairobi	1	P-4	Forensic Investigator	Continuation
		1	P-3	Investigator	Continuation
	United Nations Mission in Liberia	1	P-5	Chief Resident Investigator	Continuation
	United Nations Mission in South Sudan	2	P-3	Investigator	Continuation
		1	NGS	Administrative Assistant	Continuation

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Department/Office	Organizational unit	Positions			Notes
		Number	Grade	Post type	
Internal Audit Division	United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali	1	P-5	Chief Resident Investigator	Continuation
		1	P-4	Investigator	Continuation
		1	P-3	Investigator	Continuation
		1	NA/2	Administrative Assistant	Continuation
	United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic	1	P-3	Investigator	Continuation
		1	P-3	Investigator (from the United Nations Mission in Liberia)	Continuation
	United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali	1	P-4	Resident Auditor	Continuation
		2	P-3	Resident Auditor	Continuation
	United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic	1	P-4	Resident Auditor	Continuation
		2	P-3	Resident Auditor	Continuation
Subtotal		41			
Executive Office of the Secretary-General					
		1 month/ 2 GS (R-1)	Leave/replacement		Continuation
Subtotal					
Office of the United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services					
Regional Ombudsman =					
Office in Cambodia		2	P-4	Conflict Resolution Officer	Continuation
Subtotal		2			
Office of Legal Affairs					
General Legal Division	Administration of Justice & Justice	1 month/ 1 P-4	Leave/replacement		Continuation
Subtotal					
Department of Public Information					
		1.5 months/ 1 P-3	Leave/replacement		Continuation
		1.5 months/ 1 GS (R-1)	Leave/replacement		Continuation
Subtotal					
Department of Safety and Security					
Office of the Under- Secretary-General	Integration Project Team	6 months/ 1 P-5	Senior Project Manager		Continuation
		6 months/ 1 P-4	Project Manager		Continuation
Subtotal					

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		Transfer	Level	
Secretariat of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions				
		1	P-4	Senior Administrative Officer
				Continuation
	Subtotal	1		
Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights				
Field Operations and Technical Cooperation Division	Peace Mission Support Section (Addis Ababa)	1	P-3	Human Rights Officer
				Continuation
Research and Rights Development Division	Methodology, Education and Training Section (New York)	1	P-4	Human Rights Officer
				New
	Subtotal	2		
	Total	80		Positions
				and 59 person-months (positions of less than 12 months' duration)

Note: The specific assignment and location of each of the general temporary assistance positions is set out in the report of the Secretary-General (A/71/802) and referenced in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/71/803).

Abbreviations: (P/A/R) = General Service (Other level); GS (P) = General Service (Principal level); SGPS = international General Service.

Person-months are indicated in the column entitled "Level".

RESOLUTION 71/296

Adopted at the 85th plenary meeting, on 30 June 2017, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/71/708/Add.1 and Corr.1, para. 14).

71/296. Triennial review of the rates and standards for reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 68/282 of 30 June 2014,

Having considered the letter dated 8 February 2017 from the Chair of the 2017 Working Group on Contingent-Owned Equipment to the Chair of the Fifth Committee transmitting the report of the Working Group,¹⁰ the report of the Secretary-General on the triennial review of the rates and standards for reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment¹¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹²

1. Takes note of the report of the 2017 Working Group on Contingent-Owned Equipment¹³ and the report of the Secretary-General;¹⁴

2. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;¹⁵

¹⁰ A/71/296.

¹¹ A/71/802.

¹² A/71/803.

RESOLUTION 71/297

Adopted at the 85th plenary meeting, on 30 June 2017, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/71/706/Add.1 and Corr.1, para. 14)

71/297. Special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and abuse

The General Assembly,

Recalling all relevant resolutions on sexual exploitation and abuse, including its resolution 71/278 of 10 March 2017,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and abuse: a new approach",⁴⁰ the report of the Secretary-General on combating sexual exploitation and abuse⁴¹ and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁴² as well as the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of an independent review on sexual exploitation and abuse by international peacekeeping forces in the Central African Republic,⁴³

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and abuse: a new approach",⁴⁰ the report of the Secretary-General on combating sexual exploitation and abuse⁴¹ and the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of an independent review on sexual exploitation and abuse by international peacekeeping forces in the Central African Republic;⁴³

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;⁴²

3. *Notes with appreciation* the report of the Secretary-General on special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and abuse;

4. *Reaffirms* the collective and unanimous position that one substantiated case of sexual exploitation and abuse is one case too many;

5. *Welcomes* the determination of the Secretary-General to fully implement the United Nations policy of zero tolerance for sexual exploitation and abuse, and requests the Secretary-General to report on the results achieved and challenges encountered in his next report on special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and abuse;

6. *Expresses serious concern* over the allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse reported in 2016, in particular the number of allegations involving the most egregious forms of sexual abuse;

7. *Notes* that proposals of the Secretary-General on promoting protection from sexual exploitation and abuse require further consultations with Member States, in particular with troop- and police-contributing countries, in order to accommodate their views and concerns, and requests the Secretary-General to hold such consultations and to report on the outcomes at the second part of the resumed seventy-second session of the General Assembly;

8. *Notes with appreciation* the work of the Special Coordinator on Improving the United Nations Response to Sexual Exploitation and Abuse;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to harmonize system-wide the United Nations approach to addressing sexual exploitation and abuse;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in his next report, to outline specific measures for increasing cooperation within the United Nations system, including between the Secretariat and its separately administered funds and programmes, to address identified gaps in screening and investigative capacity and in the case management and reporting of allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse;

⁴⁰ A/71/818 and Corr.1 and Add.1

⁴¹ A/71/97

⁴² A/71/643 and A/71/867

⁴³ A/71/99

⁴⁴ A/71/867

11. *Welcomes* the steps taken to introduce victims' assistance support functions at Headquarters and in the field, looks forward to future proposals from the Secretary-General in this regard, and emphasizes the importance of providing expeditious support to victims;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in his next report on special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and abuse a holistic analysis of United Nations inter-agency cooperation at the country level for the provision of assistance and support to victims of sexual exploitation and abuse, including identified gaps, lessons learned, the responsibilities of the respective agencies and recommendations, as appropriate;

13. *Welcomes* the determination of the Secretary-General to fully enforce the newly promulgated policy on the protection of whistle-blowers in order to empower and encourage staff to report wrongdoing, including in cases of sexual exploitation and abuse;

14. *Also welcomes* the determination of the Secretary-General to strengthen investigative capacity in cases of sexual exploitation and abuse, of the Secretariat and its separately administered funds and programmes system-wide, in consultation with relevant offices, and looks forward to receiving information in the next report;

15. *Commends* the intention of the Secretary-General to instruct senior leadership to develop and submit an annual plan of action to combat sexual exploitation and abuse, with specific actions and timelines, and requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly thereon in the context of his next report;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to immediately inform the Member States concerned about allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse, of which United Nations entities may become aware, in missions operating under a Security Council mandate, and also requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the Member States concerned receive all available information to allow for appropriate follow-up by their national authorities;

17. *Reaffirms* that all personnel across the United Nations system must be held to the same standard of conduct so as to preserve the image, credibility, impartiality and integrity of the United Nations, and remains committed to further consideration of ways of ensuring managerial, command and individual accountability;

18. *Welcomes* the strong commitment of troop- and police-contributing countries to the United Nations policy of zero tolerance for sexual exploitation and sexual abuse, and commends their efforts in this regard;

19. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to foster capacity-building and learning, including by facilitating the cooperation of troop- and police-contributing countries on best practices;

20. *Calls upon* Member States, including those deploying non-United Nations forces authorized under a Security Council mandate, to take appropriate steps to investigate allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse, hold perpetrators accountable and repatriate units when there is credible evidence of widespread or systemic sexual exploitation and abuse by those units;

21. *Urges* all non-United Nations forces authorized under a Security Council mandate to take adequate measures to prevent and combat impunity for sexual exploitation and abuse by their personnel;

22. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to include in future reports information on allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse by non-United Nations forces operating under a Security Council mandate;

23. *Recalls* paragraph 80 of its resolution 70/286 of 17 June 2016, notes that the report of the Secretary-General on special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and abuse did not contain recommendations on mitigating risk factors linked to recent allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse, and requests the Secretary-General to include in his next report recommendations on comprehensively mitigating those risk factors;

24. *Also recalls* paragraphs 16 and 21 of the report of the Advisory Committee,³¹ and requests the Secretary-General to provide full justification for any proposed requirements in the context of his proposals for the regular budget for the biennium 2018-2019 and the proposed budgets of the relevant peacekeeping missions for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019;

25. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure transparency and cost-efficiency in budgeting for the Office of the Victims' Rights Advocate and its staff and to include detailed information on related costs, functions, duties, workload, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement, in accordance with relevant rules and regulations, in the context of future budget proposals;

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26. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in future budget requests for peacekeeping operations, to report on the findings of risk assessments conducted by missions regarding sexual exploitation and abuse and actions under way to address those risks and to include an assessment on the implementation by missions of the zero-tolerance policy for all United Nations uniformed and civilian personnel.

RESOLUTION 71/298

Adopted at the 89th plenary meeting, on 30 June 2017, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/71/545, para. 6)

71/298. Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General and the note by the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei⁵⁴ and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁵⁵

Recalling Security Council resolution 1990 (2011) of 27 June 2011, by which the Council established the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei for a period of six months, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 2352 (2017) of 15 May 2017, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force until 15 November 2017,

Recalling also its resolution 66/241 A of 24 December 2011 on the financing of the Force and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 70/269 of 17 June 2016,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXXIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010, 65/289 of 30 June 2011, 66/264 of 21 June 2012, 69/307 of 25 June 2015 and 70/286 of 17 June 2016, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei as at 30 April 2017, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 16.2 million United States dollars, representing some 1 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 95 Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

⁵⁴ A/71/624, A/71/767 and A/71/876.

⁵⁵ A/71/836/Add.13 and A/71/913.

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7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁰ and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266, 61/276, 64/269, 65/289, 66/264, 69/307 and 70/286;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy.

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016

11. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016;¹¹

Financing arrangements for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

12. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount not to exceed 11,300,000 dollars for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017, in addition to the amount of 268,624,600 dollars already appropriated for the same period for the maintenance of the Force under the terms of its resolution 70/269;

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

13. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei the amount of 285,118,600 dollars for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, inclusive of 266,700,000 dollars for the maintenance of the Force, 13,487,800 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations, 3,372,500 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and 1,558,300 dollars for the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda;

Financing of the appropriation

14. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 106,919,475 dollars for the period from 1 July to 15 November 2017, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246 of 23 December 2015, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2017, as set out in its resolution 70/245 of 23 December 2015;

15. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 1,470,188 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 877,688 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 441,225 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account, the prorated share of 97,125 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base and the prorated share of 54,150 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Regional Service Centre;

16. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 178,199,125 dollars for the period from 16 November 2017 to 30 June 2018, at a monthly rate of 23,759,883 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2017 and 2018, as set out in its resolution 70/245, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

17. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 2,450,312 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 1,462,812 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 735,375 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for

¹⁰ A/71/624.

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the support account, the prorated share of 161,875 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base and the prorated share of 90,250 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Regional Service Centre;

18. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 32,253,900 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2016, as set out in its resolution 70/245;

19. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 32,253,900 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 18 above;

20. *Decides* that the decrease of 34,200 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016 shall be set off against the credits in the amount of 32,253,900 dollars referred to in paragraphs 18 and 19 above;

21. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

22. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Force under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

23. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

24. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-second session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei".

RESOLUTION 71/299

Adopted at the 89th plenary meeting, on 30 June 2017, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/71/646, para. 6)

71/299. Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic⁷⁷ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁷⁸

Recalling Security Council resolution 2149 (2014) of 10 April 2014, by which the Council established the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic as from 10 April 2014 for an initial period until 30 April 2015, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 2301 (2016) of 26 July 2016, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 15 November 2017,

Recalling also its resolution 68/299 of 30 June 2014 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 70/271 of 17 June 2016,

⁷⁷ A/71/651 and A/71/819.

⁷⁸ A/71/836/Add.18.

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Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010, 65/289 of 30 June 2011, 66/264 of 21 June 2012, 69/307 of 25 June 2015 and 70/286 of 17 June 2016, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic as at 30 April 2017, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 52.0 million United States dollars, representing some 2 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 87 Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,³⁹ subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Decides* not to redeploy 15 posts from the Child Protection Unit and 4 posts from the Senior Women's Protection Adviser to the Human Rights Division;

10. *Also decides* to downgrade the post of Chief Gender Adviser to the P-3 level;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266, 61/276, 64/269, 65/289, 66/264, 69/307 and 70/286;

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016

13. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016;⁴⁰

14. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic the amount of 11,964,200 dollars, previously authorized by the Advisory Committee for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 under the terms of section VI of its resolution 64/269;

³⁹ A/71/651.

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

15. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the Mission the amount of 943,767,000 dollars for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, inclusive of 882,800,000 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 44,645,600 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations, 11,163,300 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and 5,158,100 dollars for the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda.

**Financing of the appropriation for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018
and for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016**

16. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 353,912,625 dollars for the period from 1 July to 15 November 2017, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246 of 23 December 2015, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2017, as set out in its resolution 70/245 of 23 December 2015;

17. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 6,436,388 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 4,475,213 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 1,460,475 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account, the prorated share of 321,487 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base and the prorated share of 179,213 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Regional Service Centre;

18. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 589,854,375 dollars for the period from 16 November 2017 to 30 June 2018, at a monthly rate of 78,647,250 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2017 and 2018, as set out in its resolution 70/245, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

19. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 18 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 10,727,312 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 7,458,687 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 2,434,125 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account, the prorated share of 535,813 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base and the prorated share of 298,687 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Regional Service Centre;

20. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraphs 16 and 18 above, their respective share of other revenue in the amount of 36,132,500 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016, less the amount of 11,964,200 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016 as provided for in paragraph 14 above, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2016, as set out in its resolution 70/245;

21. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of other revenue in the amount of 36,132,500 dollars less the amount of 11,964,200 dollars in respect of the same period, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 20 above;

22. *Decides* that the increase of 518,900 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016 shall be added to the credits in the amount of 36,132,500 dollars referred to in paragraphs 20 and 21 above;

23. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

24. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Mission under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

25. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

26. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-second session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic".

RESOLUTION 71/300

Adopted at the 85th plenary meeting, on 30 June 2017, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/71/547, para. 6).

71/300. Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus²⁶ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²⁷

Recalling Security Council resolution 186 (1964) of 4 March 1964 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 2338 (2017) of 26 January 2017, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force until 31 July 2017,

Recalling also its resolution 47/236 of 14 September 1993 on the financing of the Force and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 70/273 of 17 June 2016,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force by certain Governments,

Noting that voluntary contributions were insufficient to cover all the costs of the Force, including those incurred by troop-contributing Governments prior to 16 June 1993, and regretting the absence of an adequate response to appeals for voluntary contributions, including that contained in the letter dated 17 May 1994 from the Secretary-General to all Member States,²⁸

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010, 65/289 of 30 June 2011, 66/264 of 21 June 2012, 69/307 of 25 June 2015 and 70/286 of 17 June 2016, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus as at 30 April 2017, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 16.3 million United States dollars, representing some 2.7 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 67 Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

²⁶ A/71/50 and A/71/763.

²⁷ A/71/806/Add.3.

²⁸ S/1994/647.

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5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;
6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;
7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;
8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁵² and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;
9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of resolutions 59/296, 60/266, 61/276, 64/269, 65/289, 66/264, 69/307 and 70/286;
10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016

11. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016;⁵³

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

12. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus the amount of 57,413,800 dollars for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, inclusive of 54,000,000 dollars for the maintenance of the Force, 2,730,900 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 682,900 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

Financing of the appropriation

13. *Notes with appreciation* that a one-third share of the net appropriation, equivalent to 18,308,433 dollars, will be funded through voluntary contributions from the Government of Cyprus and the amount of 6.5 million dollars from the Government of Greece;

14. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 2,717,114 dollars for the period from 1 to 31 July 2017, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246 of 23 December 2015, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2017, as set out in its resolution 70/245 of 23 December 2015;

15. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 207,375 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 183,158 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 19,850 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 4,367 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

16. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 29,888,253 dollars for the period from 1 August 2017 to 30 June 2018, at a monthly rate of 2,717,114 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2017 and 2018, as set out in its resolution 70/245, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

17. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 2,281,125 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 2,014,742 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 218,350 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 48,033 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

⁵² A/71/580.

18. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraphs 14 and 16 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 4,029,700 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2016, as set out in its resolution 70/245;

19. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 4,029,700 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 18 above;

20. *Decides* that the increase of 72,900 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016 shall be added to the credits in the amount of 4,029,700 dollars referred to in paragraphs 18 and 19 above;

21. *Also decides*, taking into account its voluntary contribution for the financial period ended 30 June 2016, that one third of the net unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 1,343,233 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016 shall be returned to the Government of Cyprus;

22. *Further decides*, taking into account its voluntary contribution for the financial period ended 30 June 2016, that the prorated share of the net unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 495,759 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016 shall be returned to the Government of Greece;

23. *Decides* to continue to maintain as separate the account established for the Force for the period prior to 16 June 1993, invites Member States to make voluntary contributions to that account, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in appealing for voluntary contributions to the account;

24. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

25. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Force under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

26. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

27. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-second session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus".

RESOLUTION 71/301

Adopted at the 89th plenary meeting, on 30 June 2017, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/71/948, para. 6)

71/301. Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo⁶⁴ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁶⁵

⁶⁴ A/71/674 and A/71/802.

⁶⁵ A/71/806/Add.11.

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Recalling Security Council resolution 1925 (2010) of 28 May 2010, by which the Council decided that, as from 1 July 2010, the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo would bear the title "United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo", and recalling also the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 2348 (2017) of 31 March 2017, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 31 March 2018,

Recalling also its resolution 54/260 A of 7 April 2000 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 70/274 of 17 June 2016,

Recalling further its resolution 58/315 of 1 July 2004,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010, 65/289 of 30 June 2011, 66/264 of 21 June 2012, 69/307 of 25 June 2015 and 70/286 of 17 June 2016, as well as other relevant resolutions;
2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo as at 30 April 2017, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 404,289,989 United States dollars, representing some 2.2 per cent of the total assessed contributions; notes with concern that only seven Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;
3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;
4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;
5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;
6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;
7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;
8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁰ subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;
9. *Notes* the planned presidential election, and requests the Secretary-General to provide technical assistance and logistical support for the electoral process pursuant to the mandate of the Mission and to report thereon in the context of the next budget submission;
10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266, 61/276, 64/269, 65/289, 66/264, 69/307 and 70/286;
11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016

12. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016;⁶⁰

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

13. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo the amount of 1,220,705,300 dollars for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, inclusive of 1,141,848,100 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 57,746,500 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations, 14,439,000 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and 6,671,700 dollars for the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda;

Financing of the appropriation

14. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 915,528,975 dollars for the period from 1 July 2017 to 31 March 2018, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246 of 23 December 2015, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2017 and 2018, as set out in its resolution 70/245 of 23 December 2015;

15. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 26,711,175 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 21,637,875 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 3,778,050 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account, the prorated share of 831,675 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base and the prorated share of 463,575 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Regional Service Centre;

16. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 305,176,325 dollars for the period from 1 April to 30 June 2018, at a monthly rate of 101,725,442 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2018, as set out in its resolution 70/245, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

17. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 8,903,725 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 7,212,625 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 1,259,350 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account, the prorated share of 277,225 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base and the prorated share of 154,525 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Regional Service Centre;

18. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 41,006,800 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2016, as set out in its resolution 70/245;

19. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 41,006,800 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 18 above;

20. *Decides* that the increase of 1,285,300 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016 shall be added to the credits in the amount of 41,006,800 dollars referred to in paragraphs 18 and 19 above;

⁶⁰ A/71/674.

21. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

22. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Mission under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

23. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

24. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-second session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo".

RESOLUTION 71/302

Adopted at the 85th plenary meeting, on 30 June 2017, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/71/549, para. 6)

71/302. Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti¹⁷ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;¹⁸

Recalling Security Council resolution 1529 (2004) of 29 February 2004, by which the Council declared its readiness to establish a United Nations stabilization force to support continuation of a peaceful and constitutional political process and the maintenance of a secure and stable environment in Haiti;

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1542 (2004) of 30 April 2004, by which the Council established the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti for an initial period of six months, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 2350 (2017) of 13 April 2017, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 15 October 2017;

Recalling further its resolution 58/315 of 1 July 2004;

Recalling its resolution 58/311 of 18 June 2004 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 70/276 of 17 June 2016;

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/232 of 23 December 2000;

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council;

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010, 65/289 of 30 June 2011, 66/264 of 21 June 2012, 69/307 of 25 June 2015 and 70/286 of 17 June 2016, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti as at 30 April 2017, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 94.4 million United States dollars, representing some 1.2 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only nine Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

¹⁷ A/71/679 and A/71/787.

¹⁸ A/71/836 Add.12.

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁴⁹ subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Stresses* the importance of preparing national staff for the transitional period by putting in place a number of programmes such as job fairs and a certification programme in vocational skills, encourages the Mission to continue to assist national staff in their transition to future professional careers outside the Mission, and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266, 61/276, 64/269, 65/289, 66/264, 69/307 and 70/286;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016

12. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016;

Estimates for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2017

13. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the maintenance of the Mission in an amount not exceeding 90,000,000 dollars for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2017;

Financing of the commitment authority

14. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 90,000,000 dollars for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2017, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246 of 23 December 2015, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2017, as set out in its resolution 70/245 of 23 December 2015;

15. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 1,601,200 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2017;

Estimates for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

16. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti the amount of 5,689,600 dollars for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, comprising 4,551,500 dollars

⁴⁹ A/71/679.

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for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 1,138,100 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

Financing of the appropriation

17. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 5,689,600 dollars for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2017 and 2018, as set out in its resolution 70/245;

18. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973(X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 17 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 484,400 dollars, comprising the prorated share of 397,000 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 87,400 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

19. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 40,508,800 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2016, as set out in its resolution 70/245;

20. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 40,508,800 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 19 above;

21. *Also decides* that the decrease in the estimated staff assessment income of 1,011,100 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016 shall be set off against the credits in the amount of 40,508,800 dollars referred to in paragraphs 19 and 20 above;

22. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

23. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Mission under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

24. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

25. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-second session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti".

RESOLUTION 71/303

Adopted at the 89th plenary meeting, on 30 June 2017, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/71/950, para. 6)

71/303. Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo⁷⁰ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁷¹

⁷⁰ A/71/615 and A/71/759 and Corr.1 and 2.

⁷¹ A/71/836/Add.4.

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Recalling Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) of 10 June 1999 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo,

Recalling also its resolution 53/241 of 28 July 1999 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 70/277 of 17 June 2016,

Acknowledging the complexity of the Mission,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Mindful also of the need to ensure coordination and cooperation with the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010, 65/289 of 30 June 2011, 66/264 of 21 June 2012, 69/307 of 25 June 2015 and 70/286 of 17 June 2016, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo as at 30 April 2017, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 28.5 million United States dollars, representing some 1 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 116 Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹¹ subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Decides* not to approve the redeployment of one national General Service Team Assistant post from the Office of Community Support and Facilitation to the Human Rights Section;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266, 61/276, 64/269, 65/289, 66/264, 69/307 and 70/286;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016

12. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016;⁷²

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

13. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo the amount of 40,294,000 dollars for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, inclusive of 37,898,200 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 1,916,600 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 479,200 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

Financing of the appropriation

14. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 40,294,000 dollars for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246 of 23 December 2015, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2017 and 2018, as set out in its resolution 70/245 of 23 December 2015;

15. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 3,763,400 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 3,559,400 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 167,200 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 36,800 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

16. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 1,134,300 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2016, as set out in its resolution 70/245;

17. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 1,134,300 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 16 above;

18. *Also decides* that the decrease of 223,000 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016 shall be set off against the credits in the amount of 1,134,300 dollars referred to in paragraphs 16 and 17 above;

19. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

20. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Mission under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

21. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

22. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-second session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo".

⁷² A/71/615.

RESOLUTION 71/304

Adopted at the 89th plenary meeting, on 30 June 2017, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/71/951, para. 6)

71/304. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia,⁷³ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁷⁴

Recalling Security Council resolution 1497 (2003) of 1 August 2003, by which the Council declared its readiness to establish a United Nations stabilization force to support the transitional government and to assist in the implementation of a comprehensive peace agreement in Liberia,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1509 (2003) of 19 September 2003, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission in Liberia for a period of 12 months, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 2333 (2016) of 23 December 2016, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission for a final period until 30 March 2018 and requested the Secretary-General to complete by 30 April 2018 the withdrawal of all uniformed and civilian components, other than those required to complete the liquidation of the Mission,

Recalling further its resolution 58/315 of 1 July 2004,

Recalling its resolution 58/261 A of 23 December 2003 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 70/278 of 17 June 2016,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010, 65/289 of 30 June 2011, 66/264 of 21 June 2012, 69/307 of 25 June 2015 and 70/286 of 17 June 2016, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in Liberia as at 30 April 2017, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 51,811,360 United States dollars, representing some 0.7 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 76 Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

⁷³ A/71/645 and A/71/847.

⁷⁴ A/71/836/Add.16.

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6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁷⁴ subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Decides* to abolish one post (P-3 Human Rights Officer);

10. *Recalls* paragraph 31 of its resolution 70/286 and reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to fully comply with the relevant rules and regulations, including, but not limited to, the United Nations environmental and waste management policy and procedures, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the Mission takes effective measures to reduce its environmental footprint during its closure, including the restoration of premises to their original status, as appropriate, while absorbing the associated costs;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266, 61/276, 64/269, 65/289, 66/264, 69/507 and 70/286;

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016

13. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016;⁷⁵

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

14. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in Liberia the amount of 116,954,000 dollars for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, inclusive of 110,000,000 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 5,563,000 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 1,391,000 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

Financing of the appropriation

15. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 116,954,000 dollars for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246 of 23 December 2015, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2017 and 2018, as set out in its resolution 70/245 of 23 December 2015;

16. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973(X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 15 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the amount of 5,268,300 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 4,676,200 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 485,300 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 106,800 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

17. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 15 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 47,715,400 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2016, as set out in its resolution 70/245;

⁷⁴ A/71/648.

18. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 47,715,400 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 17 above;

19. *Also decides* that the increase of 308,000 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016 shall be added to the credits in the amount of 47,715,400 dollars referred to in paragraphs 17 and 18 above;

20. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

21. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Mission under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

22. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

23. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-second session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia".

RESOLUTION 71/305

Adopted at the 89th plenary meeting, on 30 June 2017, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/71/952, para. 6)

71/305. Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali⁷⁶ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁷⁷

Recalling Security Council resolution 2100 (2013) of 25 April 2013, by which the Council established the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali as from 25 April 2013 and decided that authority would be transferred from the African-led International Support Mission in Mali to the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali on 1 July 2013 for an initial period of 12 months, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 2295 (2016) of 29 June 2016, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 30 June 2017,

Recalling also its resolution 67/286 of 28 June 2013 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 70/113 B of 17 June 2016,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

⁷⁶ A/71/690 and A/71/842.

⁷⁷ A/71/836/Add.14.

III. Resolutions adopted on the reports of the Fifth Committee

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010, 65/289 of 30 June 2011, 66/264 of 21 June 2012, 69/307 of 25 June 2015 and 70/286 of 17 June 2016, as well as other relevant resolutions;
2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali as at 30 April 2017, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 62,841,245 United States dollars, representing some 1.8 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 95 Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;
3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;
4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;
5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;
6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;
7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;
8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁷⁸ subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;
9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266, 61/276, 64/269, 65/289, 66/264, 69/307 and 70/286;
10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016

11. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016;⁷⁹

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

12. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali the amount of 1,120,376,000 dollars for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, inclusive of 1,048,000,000 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 53,000,300 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations, 13,252,400 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and 6,123,300 dollars for the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda;

Financing of the appropriation

13. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 1,120,376,000 dollars for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, at a monthly rate of 93,364,666 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246 of 23 December 2015, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2017 and 2018, as set out in its resolution 70/245 of 23 December 2015, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

⁷⁸ A/71/690.

14. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 13 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 19,534,300 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 13,325,900 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 4,623,400 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account, the prorated share of 1,017,700 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base and the prorated share of 567,300 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Regional Service Centre;

15. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 13 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 31,646,100 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2016, as set out in its resolution 70/245;

16. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 31,646,100 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 15 above;

17. *Also decides* that the increase of 1,067,300 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2016 shall be added to the credits in the amount of 31,646,100 dollars referred to in paragraphs 15 and 16 above;

18. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

19. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Mission under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

20. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

21. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-second session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali".

RESOLUTION 71/306

Adopted at the 89th plenary meeting, on 30 June 2017, without a vote, on the recommendation of the Committee (A/71/953, para. 6)

71/306. Financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force⁷⁹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁸⁰

Recalling Security Council resolution 350 (1974) of 31 May 1974 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 2330 (2016) of 19 December 2016, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force until 30 June 2017,

⁷⁹ A/71/631 and A/71/781.

⁸⁰ A/71/836/Add.2.

Recalling also its resolution 3211 B (XXIX) of 29 November 1974 on the financing of the United Nations Emergency Force and of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 70/279 of 17 June 2016,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010, 65/289 of 30 June 2011, 66/264 of 21 June 2012, 69/307 of 25 June 2015 and 70/286 of 17 June 2016, as well as other relevant resolutions;*

2. *Takes note of the status of contributions to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force as at 30 April 2017, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 17,897,624 United States dollars, representing some 1 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 81 Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;*

3. *Expresses its appreciation to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full;*

4. *Expresses concern at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;*

5. *Emphasizes that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;*

6. *Also emphasizes that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;*

7. *Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;*

8. *Endorses the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁸⁰ subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;*

9. *Decides not to establish one post of Deputy Force Commander (D-1) and not to abolish six national General Service posts;*

10. *Requests the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266, 61/276, 64/269, 65/289, 66/264, 69/307 and 70/286;*

11. *Also requests the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;*

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016

12. *Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016;⁸¹*

⁸⁰ A/71/631.